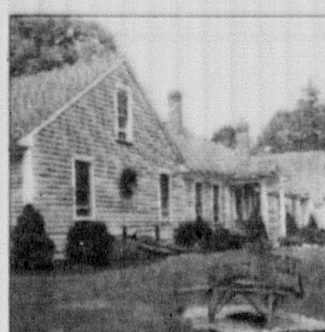




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NEWS

New shack fielded for Milliken

Preservation
grant may be
sought for project

By Mary Ford
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Imagine a new, snack shack at Milliken Field complete with cute windows, a cupola and cedar shingles. Then add handicapped accessible bathrooms, eliminating the need for porta-potties, and an inside storage area for

field equipment.

If the Cohasset Recreation Commission has its way then a new facility at the popular recreational area off Bancroft Road won't be something that stays in your field of dreams.

Members of the commission, led by chairman Elizabeth Deveney Frazier, recently presented a preliminary proposal with architectural renderings to the Community Preservation Committee with the hope of obtaining some grant money for the project.

The proposed building would fit mostly within the existing footprint of the current shack owned by the Cohasset Soccer Club. Plans are to work with the soccer club and other clubs that use to field to help raise money for the structure with a potential match from the preservation fund that is governed by the Community Preservation Committee.

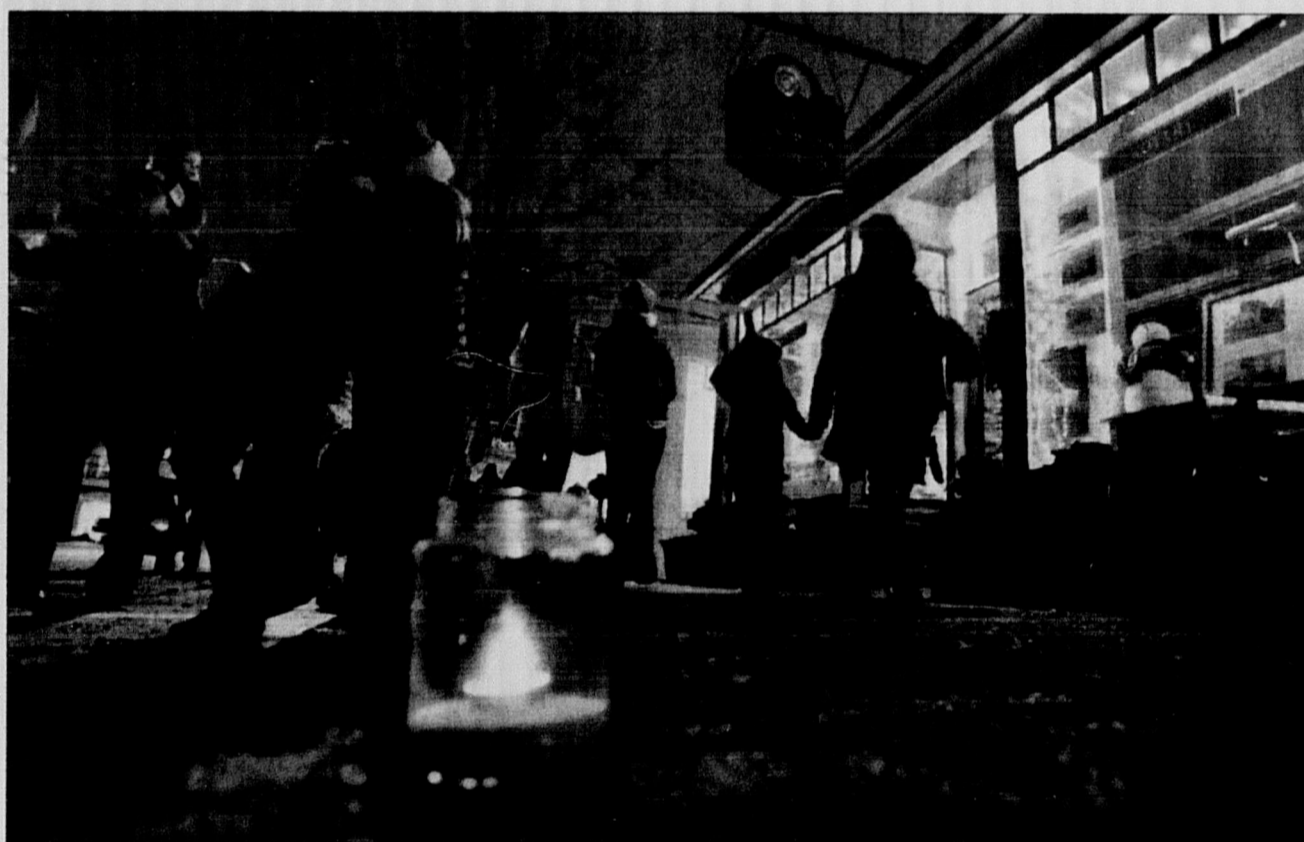
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The time may have come to build an attractive sports shed with bathrooms to replace the current structure on Milliken Field. Wicked Local Photo by Mary Ford

Village people



Families enjoy a stroll through Cohasset Village as luminaries light the way during the Holiday of Lights on Saturday. The spirit of the season swept through the Village from 4 to 7 p.m. during the annual event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Village trees were lit up with holiday lights, and the streets were lined with luminaries in Mason jars. An a cappella group roamed the streets, singing carols. Businesses provided special activities and refreshments, and an outdoor marketplace included tables for 3A vendors. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

HOW TO HELP

Putting herself in someone else's shoes

By Amanda C. Thompson
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The first words out of your nine-year-old's mouth in the morning might be, "Five more minutes, Mom?" Or maybe "What's for breakfast?" It's not every day that you hear, "I want to collect shoes for children in Africa."

That's what Tess Cassel said when she woke up just two weeks before her 10th birthday last summer. After seeing a commercial about homelessness, Tess decided she wanted to forego her own birthday presents in order to give to someone who needed the presents more than she did.

Tess's mom, Karin Cassel, grew up in neighboring Quincy and works for a non-profit that provides housing for extremely low-income

families, so she knew there was an enormous need much closer to home. She suggested sending the shoes to their neighbors through the Germantown Neighborhood Center, instead.

Tess loved the idea, but on one condition. "I wanted the shoes to fit girls that are insecure about themselves and about being homeless," she said. "Little kids don't feel insecure, but



Instead of presents, Tess Cassel asked friends to bring shoes for the homeless to her 10th birthday party. COURTESY PHOTO

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NEWS

Second station

Needed to reduce
fire department
response times

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Once upon a time, Cohasset was a town with three operational fire stations: one at Elm Street, one at West Corner, and one in the Beechwood neighborhood. It was a time in which no one lived more than two miles – or four minutes – from help, which is the National Fire Protection Agency's standard for fire and medical emergency response times.

But that time was long ago. The reality today is that, from the Elm Street station, the fire department can't always meet the standards. For some parts of town, it can't even come close. Fire Chief Robert Silvia has a plan to improve response times, but what's really needed is a second fire station.

From the station on Elm Street, emergency responders are lucky if they can make it to the scene in under six minutes. For residents living beyond the Old Coach Road section of Forest Avenue, or beyond the intersection of Beechwood Street and upper King, it could be eight or nine minutes before help arrives.

Response time includes three factors. First, the primary public safety answering point handles the 9-1-1 call; in Cohasset's case for landlines that is the Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center (SSRECC) located in Hingham. The SSRECC also includes Hull and Norwell dispatch.

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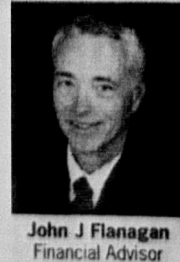
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PICTURE THIS

Colin
Roberts

Name: Colin Roberts.

Occupation: Cohasset
Firefighter/Paramedic.Best day of your life:
Coming home from
deployment.Best vacation: Punta Cana,
Dominican Republic.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: 4th of
July.

Favorite snack: Trail mix.

Best book: "A Farewell to
Arms," Ernest Hemingway.

Best actor: Robin Williams.

Best TV show: "Band of
Brothers."Best music, group, or
artist: Country.

The Mariner caught up with FF/Paramedic Colin Roberts at the fire station this week. If you see FF/P Roberts around town, be sure to tell him that you spotted him in Picture This. WICKEDLOCAL PHOTO BY MARY FORD

Pet peeve: A weak
handshake.Fun fact: I read more comic
books than a 28-year-old
probably should.Goal: Raise a family and
retire from a long successful
career.Person you'd most like
to meet: First, someone to
make a time machine. Audie
Murphy.Biggest worry: None,
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Gentle Chair Yoga to start

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your spot for all programs.New location: Cohasset
Elder Affairs is now located
at Willcutt Commons, 91
Sohier St. All events and
activities will be held in that
location unless otherwise
noted. The center offers
tours for visitors.Holiday schedule: No
lunch will be served and
Cohasset Elder Affairs will
close at 1 p.m. Dec. 24 and
will open again Dec. 28. The
office will also be closed on
Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.
No transportation will be
available on days the office
is not open.New Program: Gentle
Chair Yoga: Begins 1 p.m.
Jan. 6, 2016. This beginner
friendly chair yoga class will
focus on maintaining and
gently increasing mobility,
deepening breath and
improving balance. Participants
can bring a mat if they
have one, otherwise one will
be provided. Wear comfortable,
layered clothes andplan to eat a lighter healthy
meal about two hours prior
to class. Cost: \$5 drop in.Dietician Elissa Goldman:
Noon Jan. 14, 2016. Join for
lunch. Goldman works at
South Shore Elder Services
and will be eating along-
side guests and chatting
about nutrition.Boston Symphony
Orchestra open rehearsal:
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beginner plus. Helps pos-
ture and balance, improves
memory skills and confi-
dence. Drop-ins welcome.
At 91 Sohier Street. \$5.Veterans services
hours, Tuesdays and Thurs-
days, 1-4 p.m., Willcutt
Commons, 91 Sohier St.Gentle Yoga, Tuesdays,
9:30-10:30 a.m. Wear com-
fortable clothing. Bring a
mat. At Willcutt Commons,
91 Sohier St. \$5.Yoga/Meditation,
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friendly yoga class offering
a variety of combinations
to help you on your path
to mindfulness and calm.
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days, 10 a.m. Improve upper
and lower body strength,
flexibility and coordination
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Thursday of the month, 1
p.m., Willcutt Commons,
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Mall, NOTE SCHEDULE
CHANGE: Second Wednes-
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9:30 a.m.Derby Street Shops,
third Friday of the month:
9:30 a.m., return 11:30 a.m.Christmas Tree Shops,
fourth Friday of the month:
9:30 a.m.South Shore Tide Chart
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Friday	18	4:08	9.2	4:28	9.2	10:13	0.3	10:41	-0.2	7:06	4:12
Saturday	19	5:04	9.3	5:30	9.0	11:14	0.2	11:39	-0.1	7:07	4:12
Sunday	20	6:03	9.6	6:33	8.9			12:17	-0.1	7:07	4:13
Monday	21	7:02	9.9	7:36	9.0	12:38	-0.1	1:18	-0.4	7:08	4:13
Tuesday	22	8:00	10.2	8:37	9.1	1:36	-0.2	2:18	-0.8	7:09	4:14
Wednesday	23	8:56	10.4	9:35	9.2	2:33	-0.3	3:14	-1.1	7:09	4:14
Thursday	24	9:50	10.6	10:29	9.3	3:27	-0.4	4:08	-1.3	7:09	4:15

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POLICE BEAT

Fluid trail leads to Jeep involved in crash

By Mary Ford

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A 21-year-old Weymouth man is being summonsed to court after leaving the scene of an accident on Jerusalem Road in the early hours of Sunday morning, Dec. 13.

Police were able to follow a trail of fluid from the accident scene along Jerusalem Road onto Rockland Street in Hingham and then along Route 3A to the Weymouth line.

The 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee was headed north on Jerusalem Road toward Hull Street when the operator lost control hitting a utility pole and stone-wall around 1 a.m. Police received several calls from area residents reporting they had heard a crash.

Upon arrival, police located the accident scene where a pole and stonewall were heavily damaged; there was also some debris from a Jeep and the trail of fluid heading away from the scene.

Police put out an administrative call to area police and Hingham stopped the Jeep which had heavy damage near the Back River Bridge on Route 3A. Cohasset officers went to the scene where they matched up the pieces of the Jeep found at the crash site with the vehicle.

The driver reported that

he lost control and the passenger, an 18-year-old Weymouth girl, thought they had actually rolled over. Both were offered medical attention. The Jeep was towed and the operator is being summonsed on charges of operating to endanger; leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage; and failure to stay in marked lanes, police said.

Teen takes car

A Cohasset mother woke up around 2:40 a.m. on Sunday morning, Dec. 13, to discover her 16-year-old daughter, who does not have a license, was not at home and had taken her Toyota. The mother notified police and while police were at the house, the daughter drove into the driveway and around the cruiser, police said.

Political views

A Cohasset woman reported to police on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, that someone had left a note on her car disagreeing with her political bumper stickers. The note was not threatening but the incident was logged.

Drop off

Police are talking with a parent who has been

reported driving erratically at the middle-high school turnaround including going the wrong way around nearly causing an accident. Police are reviewing video surveillance at the high school.

Attempted fraud

The pharmacist at CVS in Tedeschi Plaza became suspicious when a man who was about 30 years old, arrived without an ID and tried to pick up a prescription for 90 amphetamine pills on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10. The pharmacist checked the electronic transmission for the prescription that was from a doctor in Duxbury.

Investigation determined that doctor did not transmit a prescription to the CVS for that drug.

The pharmacist did not turn over the pills and the customer left. Cohasset detectives have the incident under investigation that may involve computer fraud in that the subject apparently obtained the transaction information to try and get the amphetamines.

Trailer accident

Cohasset police believe the minivan that was on top of a trailer being

pulled by a pickup truck that was involved in a crash with a school bus last week was not properly secured to the trailer.

Police think the minivan shifted and swayed shifting weight on the trailer, causing the driver of the truck to lose control. The South Attleboro man driving the truck is being cited for failure to drive in marked lanes and for having an unsecured load.

"We allege the minivan was not properly tied down to the trailer so the weight shifted, causing the pickup truck to go out of control and hit the school bus," Chief William Quigley said.

The school bus had one student on board from the Norfolk County Agricultural School. There were no injuries in the Dec. 8 accident that shut down a section of Route 3A for 2-1/2 hours.

MVA

Police said a 17-year-old Cohasset girl in a 2002 Chevrolet pickup failed to yield when attempting to make a left out of the Dunkin Donuts on King Street (Route 3A) around 5:15 p.m. on Monday (Dec. 7) causing a collision. The pickup pulled out in front of a 2005 Nissan Sentra, operated by a 77-year-old

N. Weymouth woman, who as headed south.

Both vehicles were towed; there were no reported injuries and the teen was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic, police said.

Assistance

An officer assisted a motorist he had stopped for having expired plates on his 2005 Volvo sedan on Thursday evening, Dec. 10 by Aubuchon on Route 3A. The officer helped the motorist, who is 46 and from Norwell, renew the registration online so his car did not have to be towed.

Loud horn

Police responded to a complaint about the horn continually sounding on a 1998 Cadillac around 10 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 in a neighborhood off Route 3A. Neighbors called police, who tried to disconnect the horn, but to no avail. The owner's son arrived and was able to get the horn to stop. The car had an electrical malfunction and the owner who is elderly apparently did not hear the horn.

Vandalism

An 18-year-old boy at the high school reported

to Sergeant Mike Lopes, who is the school resource officer, that his car had been egged in his driveway on Dec. 9. Two 16-year-old girls were interviewed and admitted to egging the boy's car. The families are settling any damages themselves. The vandalism was a result of a conflict between the victim and the girls, police said.

Mailbox

A \$200 mailbox on Joy Place was reported as destroyed last Friday (Dec. 11). Heavy construction equipment was being used in the area so it is possible that the mailbox may have been damaged by a piece of machinery, police said.

Attempted burglary

A couple on a street in the Hillside area reported that someone had broken a cellar window and torn a screen on a rear slider in an attempt to get entry into the home. All the doors and windows were locked but the couple reporting hearing noises around 3 a.m. which they ignored and then a knock on the door around 4:30 a.m. The incident occurred overnight on Saturday, Dec. 12. Detectives are investigating, police said.

HEALTH

How to dispose of old prescriptions

The holiday season is upon us. Because the holiday season is a time when friends and family often have unfettered access to your residence, unwanted or outdated drugs sometimes become the target of theft and misuse, especially by teenagers. To avoid theft and misuse, the Cohasset Police Department has launched a program designed to significantly reduce the prescription drugs in Cohasset homes that are either no longer needed or outdated.

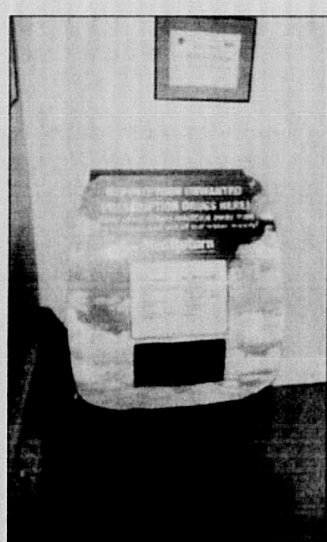
America's 12 to 17 year olds have made prescription drugs the number one substance of abuse for their age group, and much of that supply is unwittingly coming from the medicine cabinets of their parents, grandparents, and friends. More and more adults recognize the need to remove these substances from the home and legally and safely turn them over to law enforcement for proper destruction.

Law enforcement is the only entity legally able to accept these medications and process them properly so that they do not fall into the wrong hands. Law enforcement takes control of and destroys drugs on a regular basis as part of their regular operations.

Please join police in this effort by recognizing the need to remove unwanted or outdated drugs from your home before holiday visitors arrive. You can participate by anonymously depositing these unwanted or outdated drugs in the police department's drug disposal kiosk, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, located inside the police station lobby.

Joining police in this program will help to prevent teenagers and adults from abusing prescription drugs that may be unwittingly coming from your medicine cabinets as their parents, grandparents, and friends.

Note: Needles are not accepted. Liquids are accepted but should be tightly closed and then sealed inside a plastic bag.



The drug kiosk is available 24/7 in the police station for drop off of old, unused or outdated medication.

COURTESY PHOTO

STATE GRANT

Extra patrols to stop drunken drivers

Chief William Quigley announces that the Cohasset Police Department will be increasing their patrols around town this holiday season to prevent drunken driving related fatalities. This effort is part of the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign.

The initiative is funded through a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division

and will run from Dec. 9 through Jan. 2.

Police will have extra cruisers out looking for impaired and reckless driving. Residents are reminded to never get behind the wheel if impaired and to not get in a vehicle if the driver has been drinking.

"We are thankful to be one of the recipients of this grant that will allow us to increase our patrol efforts this time of year," Quigley said. "If you plan

on attending a party, or meeting up with family and friends where you will be drinking, please do not drive. Instead, arrange to have a designated sober driver that can drop you off and pick you up, call a taxi or book a ride through services like Uber. We hope everyone has safe and happy

holidays."

The Cohasset Police Department is one of 202 local law enforcement agencies, along with the Massachusetts State Police, running extra patrols through the New Year as part of the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization.

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Lindsay Ferreira and Piper Finn of P&L Designs, made cell phone cases for the Holiday of Lights.



Nate Servaes, 3, and brother, Henry, 7, give Santa a hug.



"St. Nicholas" David Bigley, is driven by Jo Lehr and Phil Lehr in an antique car through Cohasset Village.



Cohasset Chamber of Commerce member Sean Cunniff snaps a picture of Santa, elves, and families in a frame featuring the Christmas tree and the Second Congregational Church.



Luminaries line the sidewalk of Cohasset Village during the Holiday of Lights.



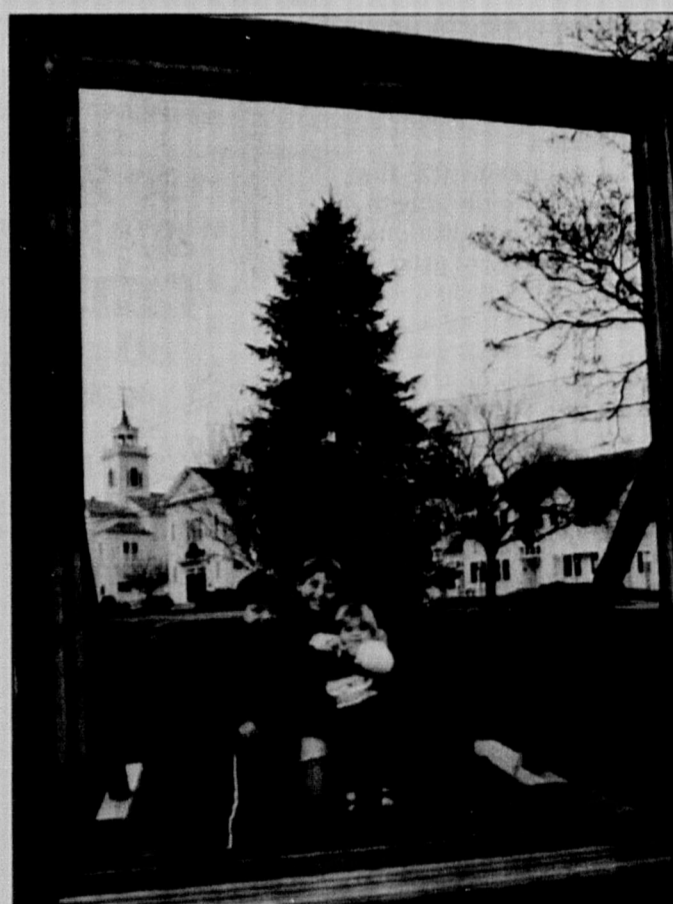
Admiring the Christmas tree lights on Cohasset Common during the Holiday of Lights are Grace Shortelle, Tucker Henderson, Tenley Henderson, and Caroline Lesky.



Michael Shirkus, 4, and sister, Amara, 3, are ready to greet Santa.



Angie Goossen and Phyllis Donovan dance in the window of Porta & Co.



Cooper, Owen and Kate Norris are framed in a Christmas scene on the town common.

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UPDATE

What's in store for storage facility

Planning board closes hearing on 3A project

By Amanda C. Thompson
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On Wednesday, the planning board closed the public hearing regarding the proposed self-storage facility at Scituate Hill, across from lower King Street. The board voted unanimously to approve the project subject to conditions recommended by its consultants.

The proposed facility includes 400 to 500 units. Construction will involve consolidating curb cuts along that section of 3A to create a shared driveway with the Brass Kettle building. This access drive will be directly across from lower King and could necessitate the installation of a traffic light at the intersection.

Signalization at the intersection of 3A and lower King has been a topic of discussion for nearly a decade now. In 2006, when the Greenbush line was under construction, the town applied to the state to have a signal installed there. But 3A

Construction will involve consolidating curb cuts along that section of 3A to create a shared driveway with the Brass Kettle building.

was in flux, with the new transit overlay district going in by the train station, and the state never saw fit to approve (or deny) the application.

The town will return to the state with this request soon, but the planning board didn't want the issue of signalization to hold up the approval process for the site. The applicant said he is ready to begin construction in February or March.

Earlier this month, the design review board, which serves an advisory role to the planning board, approved the storage facility site plan, at least as far as aesthetics are concerned. After all, while the development won't be directly on the town line, it will be one of the first things southbound drivers see when they enter Cohasset, so aesthetics matter.

The planning board felt on Dec. 16th that it had enough information to give the project its blessing. Suggestions made at earlier meetings had been taken to

heart, and board members felt that the site plan met all relevant usage, safety and aesthetic requirements.

Planning Board Chairman Clark Brewer noted that the surrounding area has a more industrial feel than other parts of the 3A corridor and includes other big buildings. He imagined that the primary storage building, at 18,000 to 19,000 square feet, would not look too out of place, and the two smaller buildings behind it should be equally inoffensive.

Board members agreed, noting that the applicant had taken care to add additional plantings to soften the window as well as making architectural changes and even altering the color of the building in response to the board's advice.

"It's harmonious and not injurious; it's safe and convenient," said Brewer. "Those are the big issues."

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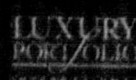


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HOLE IN ONE



The winning shot: Ray Thompson scored a hole-in-one at Widow's Walk Golf Course Dec. 12th. COURTESY PHOTO



Ray Thompson's practice sessions at the driving range paid off when he scored a hole-in-one at Widow's Walk Golf Course this month. COURTESY PHOTO

Twice in a lifetime

Cohasset golfer Ray Thompson has made a once-in-a-lifetime shot for the second time in his life. Thompson scored a hole-in-one at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate on Dec. 12th while golfing with "the usual suspect," his long-time friend and golf course companion Steve Oliver of Hingham.

The second hole at Widow's Walk is a par 3 with a bunker on each side. Thompson made the 126-yard drive with a gap wedge club. His ball landed just past the flag, but he'd put enough spin on it that it rolled back into the hole.

As if the story weren't exciting enough on its own, Thompson embellished, "Coyotes were chasing us, and then the turkeys came out of the woods. And then a dragon came out of the bunker." These claims have not been verified, but what's clear is that Thompson would rather laugh about his accomplishment than

brag about it.

Bob Sanderson, the head golf professional at Widow's Walk, said, "This couldn't happen to a better person. Ray's one of our best golfers, and we're always happy to see him come in. But it's not always just about skill; you've got to have a bit of luck, too. And he was due for another one."

Thompson last scored a hole-in-one in 1982, shortly after telling his high school sweetheart that he couldn't propose until he had made this unlikely achievement. It must have been destiny, because he made the shot soon after and has been married to his wife, Sue Thompson, ever since.

What major life shift could be heralded by scoring a second hole-in-one? Thompson hasn't made any big promises lately.

"After 34 years," he said, "this one is a reminder that my 'good luck' wasn't the hole-in-one; it was marrying Sue."

FROM THE DUBEAU FAMILY



Dubeau family's mantle village over the fireplace. COURTESY PHOTO/DANIEL DUBEAU



Madeleine and Isabelle Dubeau in front of the Christmas tree. COURTESY PHOTO/DANIEL DUBEAU



Dubeau family's ornament basket table decoration. COURTESY PHOTO/DANIEL DUBEAU



Tinkerbelle under the Christmas tree in 2015. The Dubeaus answered the Mariner's callout for photos of holiday decorations! COURTESY PHOTO/DANIEL DUBEAU



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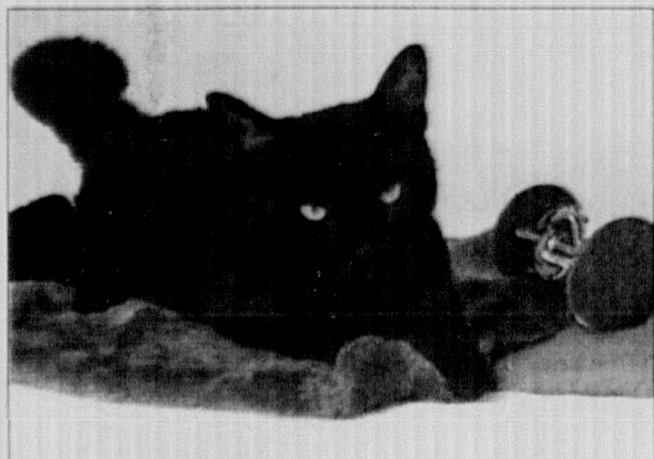
By Tammy Hatch

Meet Eva, a 1-year-old extremely gorgeous girl with a silky auburn-hued black fur coat and wildly bright orange eyes that melt you at hello. A rescued stray, Eva belonged to a person or family once and either wandered away or was abandoned from her home losing her human contact and the dependence that went with it.

While we will never know the circumstances that led to Eva's life on the streets, she has given us a lot of clues that say she wasn't there too long. She isn't frightened or untrusting and thankfully wasn't injured or suffering from malnourishment.

Eva is a very beautiful and gracious young girl who is thrilled when she has a visitor. I sat down next to her and she immediately stood up from her warm cozy bed and without any hesitation whatsoever climbed into my lap. Her purring was non-stop.

Like most new arrivals at the shelter, Eva is hungry for attention and wants visitors and shelter caregivers to put all their focus on only her. Though she isn't outwardly aggressive, Eva didn't like it very much when her roommate came over looking for a head rub too and made that very clear with a quick hiss that said: "I'm not sharing the attention I'm getting with you Missy." Eva's reaction was completely understandable and not at all uncharacteristic of



Eva is a very beautiful and gracious young girl who is thrilled when she has a visitor. COURTESY PHOTO

a feline who is starving to be noticed.

Eva's calm and trusting demeanor say that she knows what it's like to be loved and had that in her life before somehow losing her way. Eva is a very gentle and charming girl with a big and loving heart who wants nothing more than to know what it is to belong again. Won't you come in and meet this enchantingly beauty?

You can learn more about Eva and the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at www.hsar.org or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30-7:30, and Saturdays, 2-3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator, Judy, 781-534-4902.

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CatMobile

The CatMobile will be at the shelter this coming Saturday, Dec. 19th. If you'd like to reserve a spot to spay or neuter your cat, please call Scott Morrisette, shelter manager, at 781-925-3121 or email us at hsar@verizon.net. The cost is \$100. Having your cat altered helps to control the overpopulation of homeless animals. A special thank you to the veterinarians and spay van staff who are committed to providing this much-needed service to the community.

— Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



The Rusty Skippers will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at Willcutt Commons on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO

1 HOLIDAY POPS: The Rusty Skippers will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at Willcutt Commons (91 Sohier St.) on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. The Skippers will be playing a variety of Christmas pieces including several new pieces and two sing-alongs. The concert is free and appropriate for all ages. The Rusty Skippers Band has openings in some instrumental sections. If you are interested in joining or booking the band, contact Steve Biagini StevenB903@aol.com (617) 755-7474.

2 MUSICAL WORSHIP: The choir at Second Congregational Church, under the direction of Jin Kim, will present their annual Christmas musical worship service on Sunday, Dec. 20th, at 10 a.m. In addition to the community based choir, chamber players from the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra will lead the congregation in a joyous pre-Christmas worship service. This very special musical service will lead participants into preparing their hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas.

3 WINTER SOLSTICE: The public is to the Winter Solstice Celebration with poetry and song at the Old Ship Meetinghouse, 90 Main St., Hingham, on Mon. Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Bring a favorite winter poem to share if you like, or simply come and listen

in the candle-lit dark and peaceful quiet of the Meetinghouse. The Crossroads Singers, a local group, will perform poems set to music. For more information, please Elizabeth Torrey at 781-749-0543. All are welcome.

4 SHELTER OPEN HOUSE: On Saturday, Dec. 19th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the Scituate Animal Shelter invites the community to a holiday open house party at the shelter. There is no charge and animal lovers of all ages are welcome. There will be holiday crafts for the kids, gifts and treats for sale, plus an opportunity to meet and greet the shelter's friendly furry residents. Shelter is located at 780 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Scituate. For information: 781-544-4533.

5 SAVE THE DATE: Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, will hold a woodland walk from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 1. Participants will walk through the woods of Holly Hill Farm. Guests are encouraged to bring family and friends. Cindy's hot cocoa will be available. Participants should meet at the Main Barn at 12:45 p.m. Registration is not required, cost is \$5 for members, \$15 for a family, or \$8 for the general public, \$24 for families. For information: 781-383-6565; hollyhillfarm.org.

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Art Center winter classes

South Shore Art Center recently announced its winter schedule of courses and workshops in all media for students will begin Jan. 13, 119 Ripley Road.

New youth classes include Super Animation Basics on Wednesday afternoons beginning Jan. 20 and Stop Motion Animation on Thursday afternoons beginning Jan. 21. Both classes are taught by Brian Fitzgerald and are offered to students in grades eight to 12.

Chris Chiba will teach Origami to students in grades seven to 10 on Saturday mornings beginning Jan. 16. Selfies and Friends, taught by Andrea Abarca



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Coutts, is offered on Tuesday afternoons to students

in grade eight to 12.

New adult classes include Figure Drawing on Thursday evenings and Introduction to Painting with Pastels on Saturday mornings, both with Laurinda O'Connor. Acrylic Painting on Wednesday evenings and Portraits on Friday mornings will be taught by new faculty member Paul Endres Jr.

Classes and workshops are offered in all media for all ages and abilities. Drawing and painting classes are also offered at the Hingham Community Center on South Street in Hingham

For a full description and to register: ssac.org; 781-383-2787.

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Fun for families and animal lovers!

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furry residents.

The Scituate Animal Shelter found homes for 383 animals last year and touched the lives of hundreds of others across Massachusetts. In this season of giving back, come learn about all the happy and heart-warming work the shelter does for animals!

The Scituate Animal Shelter is located at 780



Burton is in the holiday spirit at the Scituate Animal Shelter. COURTESY PHOTO

Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Scituate. For information call the shelter at: 781-544-4533

RECORD-SETTING

Pan-Mass gives to Dana-Farber

The Pan-Mass Challenge revealed a record-setting gift of \$45 million to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute on Saturday, Nov. 14 at

a special gala held at the Black Falcon Terminal. The event celebrated the 6,000 riders that joined forces in 2015 to raise the impressive

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SAVE THE DATE

Celebration of winter season

On Sunday, Dec. 27, from 10 to 11 a.m., please join harpist Felice Pomeranz and First Parish Member Jim Morrison for a meditative celebration of the winter season and the welcoming of light.

Reading selections from such poets as Rainer Maria Rilke, Czeslaw Milosz, Jalal Al-Din Rumi, Kabir, William Stafford, Robert Frost and others will be blessed by beautiful interludes of harp music.



Harpist Felice Pomeranz will be at First Parish on Dec. 27. COURTESY PHOTO

DON'T MISS THIS

Historical Society holiday exhibit

The Cohasset Historical Society features a holiday exhibit, Winter White.

Carefully selected costumes from the library's textiles collection as well as other artifacts that fit the category are on display through Feb. 28.

A number of wedding gowns, christening gowns and quilts fill the exhibit

rooms. Along with textiles, the society shows black and white winter photographs and selected items donated by the Richardson White family.

Richardson White was a Cohasset sculptor, who won accolades for his sculptures of horses. Highlighting this collection is a white silk ball gown purchased in Paris in 1865 for \$100 by Maria L. Barnes and donated by her great-granddaughter in 1882.

The Historical Society is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For information: 781-383-1434.

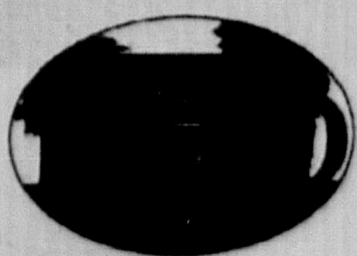
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STATION

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to state police, who relay the call to the regional dispatch center, who relay the call to local agencies – a process that should take 79 seconds or less.

Maureen Skirkus of the SSRECC told selectmen last week that the center has petitioned the state to allow it to take its own mobile 9-1-1 calls, based on the location of the cell tower that transmits the call.

Silvia said this fix could take place sometime in the next one to three years, but it's not an immediate solution to improving response time.

The second factor in response time is turnout time: how long it takes the team to get on the road once the alarm sounds. The fire department has 80 seconds to get an engine on the road, and even less for an ambulance (firefighters need time to suit up, and they are maneuvering a larger vehicle).

Cohasset's fire department meets this standard more often than not, but Silvia said it's something they're working on through additional training.

The third factor, of course, is travel time.

"Without building a second fire station, we can't do anything about the amount of travel time," said Silvia. "We're focusing on call-answering and processing and our turnout standards. The front end and middle pieces are where we can fix things."

Technology updates will speed things up, both in the station and on the road. Soon, a new station alerting system will enable responders to learn the nature and location of the call even before the dispatcher can radio in the details, improving turnout time.

Mobile data terminals similar to the ones in police cruisers have been placed in emergency response vehicles so responders can get real-time updates on the road. New software will also provide more accurate and accessible data regarding turnout times so that the department can focus on improving in the areas where it matters most.

In January, hardware and software upgrades provided by a state 9-1-1 grant will enable the regional dispatch center to meet the call handling time standards close to 100 percent of the time.

"We want to guarantee that all the people in town are adequately protected,"

"Without building a second fire station, we can't do anything about the amount of travel time."

Fire Chief Robert Silva

said Silvia. But once the department has streamlined response times through technology and training improvements, it will have done as much as it can do under the present circumstances.

"We really need to have a second station someplace to guarantee that we can reach the goals we're trying to reach," said Silvia.

Several years ago, the town considered building a second station around the location of the Stop and Shop rear parking lot. This part of town – around Sohier Street and 3A – would be ideal for reaching those more distant corners in a timely fashion, when small minutes can make a big difference.

Today, one possibility would be to build the new station at the site of Esposito's Nursery; this property is for sale, and the town is investigating what purpose it could serve, since it does have some wetlands-related restrictions.

This conversation is still in its infancy and will develop as the Metropolitan Area Planning Council develops a fuller assessment of the various need in town, including needs of the police and other departments.

"It's not the first time we've looked at building a second station," said Silvia, "but I'd like to think the town is ready now to do something about this."

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HELP

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teenagers do, and I wanted them to feel good about themselves."

So at her 10th birthday party, each of Tess's friends brought a pair (or three) of shoes that would fit someone their age or a little older. Tess admitted she would've liked to wear some of the shoes, herself – a sure sign that her friends had risen to the challenge.

This wasn't Tess's first crack at helping others in need. In third grade, she spearheaded a drive to collect can openers, bowls, and silverware for a men's center where some of the low-functioning residents were unable to open the canned food that had been donated, because they did not understand that they needed to ask for a can opener.

When Tess and Karin went to deliver the 14 pairs of shoes to the Germantown Center, they were given a full tour by Executive Director Kathy Quigley. The center had everything: from daycare and women's classes, to a clothing shop (supported by Quigley's mother, who cleans and repairs the clothing before hanging it in the shop), to a musical practice and performance space.

But it didn't have fresh produce on the pantry shelves.

"The shelves were almost empty," remembered Tess. "They had rotten fruits and vegetables. We saw people shopping who only got one thing, because that's all the good stuff they could find." That's because the center gets the produce that Stop and Shop is already done with. Once the grocery store takes it off the shelves, it goes bad very quickly.

Enter Janet Walsmith. Karin bumped into her at a party not long after touring

the center, and when she described the sorry state of the pantry, Walsmith knew she had to do something about it. So, in September, Walsmith and her kids started a food drive.

"I know many people contribute time and money to great causes," said Walsmith, "but this was a pressing basic human need in our own backyard and I wanted to do something about it."

The first month, "they had a ping pong table stacked with diapers and food and bins," Karin remembered. And then there was a second month, and a third month. "When I saw they'd made it to four months, I realized they're not gonna let it go," said Karin.

The food drive has been hosted by a different member of the South Shore community each month since September. It has seen support from Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate, Hull, Norwell, and Hanover residents. In November, the drive provided 35 bins of groceries, clothing, toys, books, and other necessities donated by a force of 30 generous community members.

"I have been so impressed with people's generosity and giving spirit," said Walsmith. "It's been wonderful for my kids to be a part of this local effort."

This month's delivery was dropped off on Thursday,

just in time for school vacation. The center has extra need this time of year, since children will not be able to count on a hot breakfast and lunch from school. Microwaveable items are in hot demand this month, since many children will be preparing meals for younger siblings without parental supervision.

"I have so much gratitude to my new friends in Hingham and Cohasset," said Quigley. "The need doesn't go away after the holidays; it's all throughout the year. And they're going to continue to be here for this Quincy community; they're here all year and they're energized."

Meanwhile, Karin, Tess, and their family have moved from shoes to coats – but that's not as large-scale as the food drive, said Karin. They are not collecting coats from the community at this time. Although they are not as heavily involved in the food drive as the Walsmiths, Karin and her girls have always made a point of sharing hand-me-downs with others who need them.

"I made a special point of raising them this way – to work hard and give back," Karin said of her two daughters, Tess and Montana. The Cassels recently merged families with Cohasset's Dr. Jim Mitterando and his two children, Liz and David, who have been happy to

contribute coats to the collection, as well.

But Karin and her girls have something the Cohasset side of the family doesn't have. In Quincy, they grew up staring this need in the face.

"I knew what it was like to fall on hard times," said Karin.

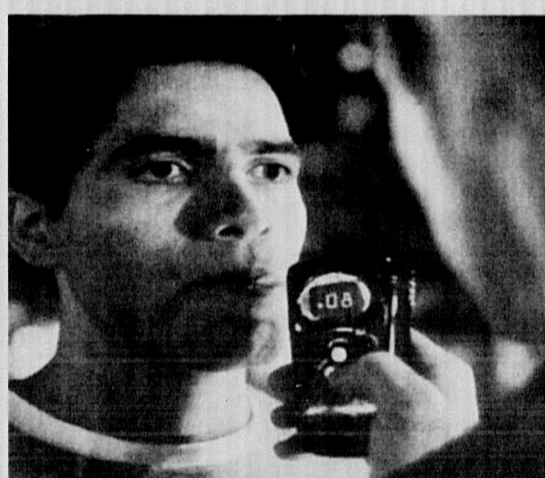
Want to help? Right now, Quigley said, the center especially needs Christmas gifts for teenagers. They already have a lot of gifts for younger children, although they can never seem to get enough Legos. They also like to provide gift cards: for groceries (they use them for perishables), for clothing, for dinner out.

When in doubt, though, a check is always appreciated. "Checks go to the emergency family fund to help people pay their rent or utilities, or cover transportation," explained Quigley. "That fund runs dry very quickly."

Checks should be made out to Germantown Neighborhood Center/SSYMCA and mailed to the center at 366 Palmer Street, Quincy, 02169. Donations can be delivered to the same address.

To help with the food drive, contact Janet Walsmith: janet.walsmith@comcast.net.

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OPINION

QUESTIONS? Contact Editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or mford@wickedlocal.com.

OUR VIEW

Second firehouse

We believe the time has come to start the conversation about the possibility of constructing a second fire station in Cohasset, preferably on Route 3A.

Most area towns have at least two firehouses. In addition to their village station, Norwell has a new fire station on Route 53, the busy corridor through that town; Scituate has two stations, one on 3A and one on First Parish Road, and Hingham has three: Central Fire, and the Torrent and Constitution firehouses. Do they know something we don't?

The reason this discussion needs to come to the forefront is simple: public safety.

Fire Chief Robert Silvia, along with Kris Johnson of Performance Management that helped with the response time study, presented a PowerPoint to selectmen last week with charts and bars to show how Cohasset responses measure up.

With a single station, there is really no way for Cohasset emergency responders to get to the scene any faster other than shaving a few seconds off the time it takes to get their turnout gear on and jump in a truck.

The critical issue is travel time: That means how long it takes to get from the fire station on Elm Street to the Beechwood neighborhood on the west side of Route 3A, for example.

"Without building a second fire station, we can't do anything about the amount of travel time,"

Silvia said this week.

While most of us roll our eyes at the thought of another study committee — appointing a fire station study committee with the goal to determine the feasibility of a second firehouse is a good idea. The committee should have a clear timeframe to come up with recommendations, cost and tax impact.

In the early 1990s when towns were still adjusting to the effects of Prop. 2½, the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy, Cohasset joined with several other towns in looking at forming a five-town Seaside Fire Protection District. As we recall, the study proposed stations along Route 3A — an expensive proposition at the time and the plans went nowhere. That study is likely around somewhere gathering dust; but it might be worthwhile to unearth it to give a possible new committee some "ancient history."

While none of us like the idea of another debt exclusion to build a new structure and/or to possibly buy the Esposito property at 585 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, the time has come to start the discussion in earnest. The town has the right of first refusal under state law because it is classified as agricultural/horticultural.

Chief Silvia put it best this week: "It's not the first time we've looked at building a second station, but I'd like to think the town is ready now to do something about this."

LETTER

Sharing idle thoughts

While driving through Cohasset Center and heading south, this afternoon Dec. 14, at approximately 2:45 p.m., I observed the following:

1. A black SUV directly ahead of me decided to pull a u-turn or left turn depending on your definition into a space in front of French Memories.

2. At the same time as I had stopped, I observed another grey SUV directly behind me do the same turn in front of William Raveis Realty. I am reasonably sure those are both illegal left turns. However, common sense should prevail and

I ask the obvious question. WHY? I guess the one-minute or so it would take to come back the other way was asking too much. I realize that in today's world everyone is in a hurry, but-REALLY!

Unfortunately, this occurs far too many times. It is not the police department's responsibility to sit in the downtown area all day long. They have far too many important things to do. It is ours as responsible drivers to use common sense (which in both cases was sadly lacking).

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GROWING ON THE FARM

There is a lot to do in late autumn

With still no plans to go to Florida for the winter, all is busy for the farmer and teacher at the farm and in the garden.

Even though monumental climate accords have been reached in Paris, there is plenty of warm, decent, working weather here on the South Shore to finish up tasks and tighten up for the long winter, whenever it decides to rear its cold, snowy head.

The hardy greens continue to be prolific in production. These chard, leek, mustard green and kale plants in particular are thriving in the cool nights and warm days. Started by seed in March and April, transplanted to the ground in May and June, these plants, if cultivated and harvested correctly will continue to produce new leaves.

When the farmer harvests a large leaf for market, then the sun shines down on the smaller, younger leaf and allows for growth. The window of time for planting garlic began to open in late October, with folks coming in droves to our garlic workshop, roasting and planting. Garlic can still be heeled in, as long as the soil can be worked and as there is still time for the roots to grow, spread and establish themselves before the frost settles in. Even early green growth on the garlic is OK, as it will continue its growth after the winter.

When the tide, the wind



JON BELBER

and the new moon come in, there will be seaweed again on the shores and at water's edge for an ideal, nutrient-rich mulch and soil enhancer.

The help is a wonderful amendment for slow decomposition. The lumber yard in Marshfield still has fresh-cut pine boards, so we are building four new garden beds at Wellspring in Hull. There, long-lasting, staple crops can be planted in spring (garlic now) and the food pantry at Wellspring can have organically grown crops at the ready, in addition to what the teenagers at the farm harvest and bring in the Summer months.

The newly fixed, but old John Deere tractor, complete with bucket, is making its way to the compost area to turn and mix piles.

Restaurants and coffee shops, some homeowners, too, can supply plenty of vegetable food scraps, along with the four-legged residents' manure at the farm.

The spinach in the high tunnel hoop house is established and will continue to produce healthy green leaves for salad. The nearby tree work yielded

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a large pile of wood chips at the farm to spread on paths so visitors to the garden know where to walk. The chips can be directed to fall where they may so as to also prevent weeds from becoming established.

The blueberry patch is receiving some extra attention to rid the area of its weeds, so that 2016 may be the year of enough juicy fruit for birds and two-legged farmers who daily pass by the patch. The large bags of Vermont soil are due this week, so they can sit idly by for the next few months until the bags are strung open and lured into trays for the seeds of late February and March.

And the plans need to be made for which crops, grown and maintained by whom, can be decided on for their 2016 location. The tomatoes will be in a different field, based on the notion that the farmers will stay ahead of possible pests and diseases, as well as let new soil provide the nutrients needed for next year's crop. The time for rest and reflection are brief as the farming has many iterations and orchestral movements that keep us quite engaged and harmonic.

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And to also borrow from the song, I would rather stick with holly, than "the pistol that shoots, [so] hoped by Barney and Ben." Perhaps the boys in the song can think beyond the male stereotype of playing with guns, as there are plenty of other activities which may excite kids and adults. One may come to the farm to help with all these tasks, read a good book or enjoy the season with other hopes and dreams.

—Jon Belber is the education director at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset. He teaches students and adults about organic gardening and farming. His column appears twice monthly in the Mariner. He can be reached by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com. For information on upcoming programs at Holly Hill, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org.

PANTRY CORNER

Baking up a little help this Christmas

Christmas is coming up fast, and while typically this is a time of need for the Food pantry, this season we find ourselves in a rare moment where we're in pretty good condition for the holidays; thanks to your generous donations.

There is however, one area where we need some help. The holidays are a time for baking and cooking desserts and sweets, and that happens to be the one real need the Cohasset Food Pantry has at this moment. If you're baking for the holidays, please keep us in mind

and consider making just a little bit extra. Pies, cookies, cakes, brownies and other sweets would be warmly appreciated. Store bought goodies are welcome too to help us round out the Christmas dinner boxes that we're putting together for families in need.

We will be open for donations Sunday, Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21 from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and Monday, Dec. 21 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. We regretfully cannot accept donations on Tuesday December 22 because we

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have client hours on that day.

Thank you for all your support this past year!

Merry Christmas and happy new year to all of our Cohasset families, neighbors and friends!

"Christmas is not as much about opening

our presents as opening our hearts." — Janice Maeditere

Please contact us using the number 781-383-0219 or at P.O. Box 297 Cohasset, Mass. 02025.

—Compiled by Andrew McSheffrey

BRIEFLY

New member opening at the Council of Elder Affairs

The Board of Directors

of the Council of Elder Affairs recently announced an opening for a new associate member.

Any persons interested in taking part are encouraged to submit an

application, resume and a letter of interest to Tracy Connors, assistant to the town manager.

Items can be emailed to tconnors@cohas-setma.org, or mailed to

the Selectmen's Office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

For an application and more information: Tcarlson@aol.com.

LIFE AT CHS

Winter vacation around the corner

The senior café is decorated, the Christmas lights are strung and students are excited as the time between them and the holidays slowly closes. Though 50-degree days still render the Christmas spirit for some, it doesn't stop winter vacation from dragging closer and closer.

The students of CHS brave their last full week of school before the break, taking the news of mid-term progress reports in stride with the rest of the workload. The book drive for Children's Hospital continues, and with each passing day the impressive pile of boxed books grows taller.

Though we'd all love to enjoy Christmas without an ounce of worry, the senior members of Cohasset High can't quite forget that the short weeks remaining in the year mean that time to apply to college is trickling away. Supplemental essays need to be perfected, resumes triple-checked, and SAT scores sent before any of our seniors will relax.

However, the limited time left in the year also reminds us that our senior year — the last year of our high school career — is almost over. This is bittersweet for most students — leaving people you've spent 12 years with will be strange at best — however, the thought of getting into college and not having to take another standardized test is pretty much all we want for Christmas.

The peer leaders program at the high school starts up once again. This



BECCA FREDEY

program gathers exemplary junior and senior high school students to participate in a program that helps to counsel and coach sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Each month, these high schoolers teach an activity to the younger students to help with anti-bullying sentiment, team-building exercises, and overall acceptance and understanding in a school environment.

This past Tuesday, the peer leaders practiced an activity about changing perspectives, which was put into practice yesterday morning with the middle school students. This program is a much anticipated and rather competitive aspect of high school life that gives students the experience of running a classroom as well as speaking to and influencing a group of younger kids that will, eventually, fill their shoes as high schoolers.

Last night, the high school chorus and band had their annual Winter Concert. The chorus teacher, Ms. Arenstam, conducted her quarter one and quarter two classes in renditions of Holiday favorites such as "Winter Wonderland," "Most Wonderful Time of the Year," as well as a new mash-up which combines the melody of the "Dance of the

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Sugarplum Fairy" from the "Nutcracker" and the lyrics to "Deck the Halls" — appropriately named "Deck the Nutcracker Halls." Band teacher Mrs. Moriarty also conducted her students through their numerous pieces, including a crowd favorite "The Locomotive," which imitates the sounds and feeling of riding a train.

The music department never ceases to impress the parents and teachers who come out to watch the performance. Luckily, if you missed this performance, you still have a chance to see the talented music students of CHS in their Cabaret performance coming up in 2016!

Now that the last full week of school before winter break is over, students finally have time to get in those last college applications, shop for presents, and wish — perhaps fruitlessly — that they'd somehow get a white Christmas.

—Becca Fredey is a senior at CHS and weekly columnist for the Mariner. She's finding it really hard to enjoy Christmas music when it's 60 degrees out.

VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

I believe in Santa Claus



JOHN MCSHEFFREY

I believe in Santa Claus. No, allow me to rephrase that, I very much believe in Santa Claus and all the wonderment and goodness that encompasses Santa. I have my whole life, and I always will.

In 1897, the New York Sun ran the editorial, "Is There a Santa Claus?" with the famous reply, "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." Like then, Santa Claus still enlightens the hearts of children, even when they may have questions regarding his existence. These questions are normal and in many cases unanswerable.

I believe that very few people, if anyone, knows all the facts about Santa. Countless stories, TV shows, productions and movies have tried their best to tell Santa's story, but the truth of the matter is, these tales are intended to entertain rather than inform. We shouldn't allow ourselves to be confused by the conflicting stories, rather we should embrace and enjoy their spirit.

The ambiguity of Santa's life is one of the wonderful mysteries we have. Unsolved mysteries are exciting, invigorating and per chance even romantic. I can't explain Santa's magic or how he visits so many homes in a single night, how reindeer fly, where he lives, the elves or any of the other legendary nooks of Santa's life. I'm not sure I would, even if I could. From ghosts, extra-terrestrials and Bigfoot to even God itself, no one has ever been able to definitively explain their existence. But isn't it more grand to believe such entities exist than not?

I believe that Santa's kindness exists, his caring exists, his warmth exists and his love exists. To many, Santa offers glimmers of hope, as he seems to have an unparalleled understanding of the importance of being a child. Obviously Santa is unable to meet all the needs and wants of all children everywhere, but that doesn't mean that he



Tyler McSheffrey sharing cookies with Santa in 2008. COURTESY PHOTO

doesn't want to. I believe even Santa has his limitations, which is why he must also rely on others to help.

There's a magic to waking up on Christmas morning and seeing what Santa has left under the tree. To let that magic fade away would be a tragedy. What's that you say, "The gifts under the tree aren't from Santa?" Do you really know that? Do we know what mysteriously motivates people at Christmas time to unexplainably become more generous than they've been all year? Do we know what mysteriously motivates a parent to unexplainably look at buying that item that they have said "no" to all year long? Where does the inspiration come from that leads people to emulate Santa and help bring his kindness to kids everywhere? I think perhaps it comes from Santa himself.

As children grow older, there's a natural tendency to question what they know, and to really question those things that they don't fully understand, including Santa. Further along in years, they'll learn that life has many precious qualities that are enhanced by embracing life's little mysteries instead of dismissing them.

It's okay to look at your parents with an

inquisitive stare, it is okay to raise doubts about what you don't know, but it's not okay to ridicule what you may question. A simple bit of warm advice; allow yourself to forever embrace a bit of Santa's magic, for if you let it go, you'll wish you never had.

I am a true believer in Santa's spirit, his gentleness, his generosity and his wonderment. I also believe Santa exists in each and every one of us and collectively, we must embrace his spirit of giving without the need for recognition.

Some may think that I am a kid at heart, and I would agree with them. However, believing in Santa is about so much more than just being a kid. Believing in Santa is believing in what is good in life. It's my hope that you all hold on to this belief this Christmas, and for years to come. You'll be grateful you did.

Oh, and make sure to leave out a plate of cookies, even Santa appreciates a little appreciation.

As always, thank you for reading and to quote Clement Moore, "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night."

—John McSheffrey has been part of the Cohasset community since 2007 and can be reached at jjmcs@aol.com

POLITICAL PERCH

Coming to terms with illusions

Time trims the sails of all men's souls.

In "Gone with the Wind," Scarlett O'Hara was infatuated with Ashley Wilkes from the first moment she saw him. She spent most of her life obsessively pursuing his love. On the other hand, she treated Rhett Butler, the man who loved and pursued her, alternately with contempt and indifference. She took him for granted even though she was always powerfully attracted to him. An attraction for which she had no understanding.

In the end, after the turmoil of her life and the Civil War, Scarlett realized that her love for Ashley was an illusion. A thought without substance — grounded more in hope than reality. It was Rhett who she finally realized was her soul mate and true love of her life. But by the time she realized this it was too late. Rhett had finally given up on Scarlett — perhaps realizing he also had been chasing an illusion. After too many years of unrequited love and the knowledge that comes with passage of time he simply didn't give a damn any more.

In "The Death of Ivan Ilyich," Tolstoy writes of a successful man who becomes terminally ill. As he is slowly dying he comes to realize that his life has not really been all that successful, happy or even good. His supposedly successful prosperous life was inauthentic, unreal — an illusion of conformity. As he approached the inevitable his past life lost its grip on him. He began to sense and relate to



KEVIN MCCARTHY

something else — he called it "the voice of his soul". This gave him a comfort with and understanding of life he had never sensed. Listening to his inside voice finally left Ivan Ilyich at peace with himself and his life. In the end he actually comes to terms with and embraces his own death.

Thomas Merton wrote about his life and conversion and about coming a monk in the "The Seven Storey Mountain." As he describes his early life Merton seems like a fairly ordinary young man — with all the ramblings and distractions of growing up in the modern world. But when, as a teenager, he travelled on holiday to Rome there was one telltale sign that was interesting — and different. Most people who go to Rome spend all their time visiting the famous sights such as the Coliseum, going to the theatre and enjoying the clubs and restaurants. But, for no reason he seemed to either understand or question, Merton was fascinated by all the small churches and lesser known religious sights in Rome. He was drawn to and spent most of his time in small out of the way little churches that most tourists never see or bother to visit.

Young Merton saw and sensed a very different Rome than most people experience when they

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visit this magnificent historical splendor. At a very young age he saw something through the surface of ancient Rome and simply flowed with it. He did not think much of it at the time. After his holiday, he went on living the fairly typical life of a young man just prior to WWII. However, he continued to stay in tune with and listen to something inside — something he wrestled with. The external world of conformity and illusion has its wages. Merton finally entered the Gethsemani monastery in Kentucky and led the life of a monk until his death in 1968.

As the doors of the Gethsemani Abbey closed around him Merton writes: "Brother Mathew locked the gate behind me, and I was enclosed in the four walls of my new freedom".

Some see early — some see late — some never see at all.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Save the date: Sunday Author Talks

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Group: Participants can join for coffee and discussion of Ellis Avery's book "The Teahouse Fire" at 10 a.m. Dec. 30. All are welcome.

Movie Matinee at the Library: Visitors can enjoy a free, daytime movie at the library at 11 a.m. Jan. 8, 2016. Light refreshments will be donated by Shaw's of Cohasset. Call the library for movie details.

Sunday Author Talks: Peter C. Stone will give a talk about his book "Waltzes with Giants: The Twilight Journey of the North Atlantic Right Whale" at 4 p.m. Jan. 10. A wine and cheese reception and book signing will occur after the talk. Free admission. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance and A Taste For Wine & Spirits.

Opening reception for Artist Susan Ahearn: The South Shore Art Center presents an art exhibit by Susan Ahearn at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Jan. 1

through Feb. 29, 2016. Meet the artist at an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 8. The show features everyday objects set in still life arrangements, along with a few landscapes done in oil. All are welcome. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2-5 p.m. Sundays.

Holiday closing: The library will close at 1 p.m. Dec. 24 and all day Dec. 25. The library will open again at 10 a.m. Dec. 26. Library materials may be returned using the 24-hour book drop.

PLAN IN WORKS

Rec, library look to share space

By Mary Ford
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The Recreation Department and Paul Pratt Memorial Library share a common home: The former Osgood School at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohler Street.

If things go as planned – the two town entities hope to share some of the same interior space and make the area behind the library, near the new Rec Center, safer and more practical.

To that end Recreation Commission Chairman Elizabeth Deveney Frazier and Chairman of the Paul Pratt Library Trustees Carolyn Coffey made a preliminary, informal presentation to the Community Preservation Committee recently to seek money for a master plan.

Frazier told the committee they hope to share the upstairs of the former Our World museum with the library. The Rec Department recently moved from Town Hall to the two-floored Our World site with

access off Sohler Street.

"We also want to look at the grounds that include the playground and basketball courts to make it safer," Frazier said.

Coffey noted that with the Rec relocation, the site is really crowded especially in the summertime, with some congested traffic flow including the rear driveway to the library that runs between the playground and Rec Center. Plans could also include making the "campus" more accessible to seniors crossing over Sohler Street from Willcutt Commons.

"We want people to get from point A to point B in the safest and most welcoming manner," she said. "And we don't know the best way to accomplish that."

Members of the Rec Commission and trustees recently met informally with an engineer and a landscape architect, who volunteered some advice, to bandy around some ideas including the possibility of relocating the

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Carolyn Coffey
Chairman of the Paul Pratt Library Trustees

rear driveway that goes up to the library from behind the building.

No numbers, design documents or construction documents have been developed. Proponents hope the Community Preservation Committee will help with the cost of a plan so they can get the right plan in place before proceeding further.

CPC member Susan Hoadley noted a master plan should look at the layout of the interior of the building.

"A master plan usually has what parking capacities are and what the pads of travel are in different



A view of the parking lot by the new Rec Center, with playground at right, and driveway up to the library. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MARY FORD

scenarios as you go through the week," she said. Hoadley noted that plans could include flexible space so spaces can do double-duty for large or small groups.

CPC member Susan Sardina noted that the library is often strapped for space for some popular programs, such as the Great Decisions group. Sardina also said that when it is crowded, patrons have to park on lower lot and walk up the driveway. "When it is icy, I won't do it," she said.

Frazier said ideally the Rec would like to have

some kind of vestibule on the first floor where folks can access the elevator to go upstairs. Since they share the same building, she said it did not make sense for library patrons to have to walk up the hill from the lower lot to access the library.

Frazier said the library and Rec are a good fit. "As soon as we moved there, we wanted to work with the library – it makes sense to put the two groups together."

CPC Chairman Russ Bonetti said the

preservation fund could pay for studies, noting grants were provided to do a study of Town Hall. He felt plans for the project would be something the committee could fully support.

"It is a town-owned building, it is recreation and would increase handicap accessibility," he said. "We can make the argument that it improves the recreational facility and not have to worry about kids getting run over by a car getting to playground."

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Works maintains the field but maintenance of the building would fall under jurisdiction of the Recreation Department."

The hope is for a pretty building with a little cupola that fits in with the charm of Cohasset. "With cute little windows, it will improve the look of Milliken Field in general," she said.

Community Preservation Committee member Susan Hoadley compared the proposal to that of the Cohasset Sailing Club that raised seed money for the clubhouse project with preservation funding able to "kick it over the finish line."

Hoadley also suggested that the Rec Commission look into the potential for a pre-fabricated building that would save 10 to 20 percent of the cost. She said the design is essentially a "shoebox with a roof on it" that could be trimmed out. "There are modular houses that you would never imagine were modular," she said.

Frazier said the area is on the sewer line and the Rec.

CPA funds

■ The Community Preservation Act was signed into law 15 years ago and from that point on, some 160 cities and towns including Cohasset have adopted the legislation

■ CPA funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and some level of state match, determined from year-to-year. The state funds are derived from a \$20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, home-steads, etc.) This year's state match is about 24 percent.

■ Under the Community Preservation Act, 10 percent of the monies accumulated in a town's

Community Preservation Fund must go toward preserving open space, another 10 percent toward historic preservation, and 10 percent toward community housing. The remaining 70 percent can be spent for any of the above and recreation. Any money in the fund that is not appropriated can be banked for future years. Borrowing is also allowed with payments for interest and principal coming out of the fund.

■ The Community Preservation Committee reviews proposals and recommends appropriating money from the Community Preservation Fund on projects supporting low and moderate income housing, historical preservation, and open space acquisition and recreation. Town Meeting voters have the final say.

Commission would return in January with a budget for the project.

The Community Preservation Committee plans to start holding hearings on grant proposals in January. The CPC recommends expenditures from the preservation fund to Town Meeting where voters have the final say.

The Community Preservation Committee is an outgrowth of the state

Community Preservation Act (CPA). Its purpose is to set aside funds to preserve and highlight the historical treasures of the town, as well as increase the town's open space, recreational facilities, affordable housing, and other community enrichment projects.

Cohasset is one of 160 Massachusetts communities that have adopted this program.

NEWS

'Unsightly' electrical boxes need covering

By Mary Ford
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Peter Wood of Summer Street does not like it when there is an eyesore on the otherwise pristine town common.

Representing the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, Wood – a commission member – made a pitch last week to the Community Preservation Committee for guidance in getting the electrical boxes on the common some kind of camouflage.

Wood pointed out the unsightly electrical boxes were placed on the common several years ago without going through an approval process. "They just suddenly appeared one day," he said.

He they should be in keeping cosmetically with what the common should look like.

"What we're looking for, if this is something you folks might help us with, is to get more in historically keeping with the area," he said. Wood quipped the district commission as a

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Elizabeth Deveney Frazier,
Recreation Commission

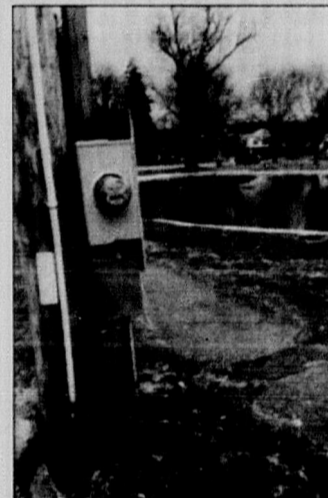
"huge budget of zero."

Selectman Diane Kennedy, who is the selectman-liaison to the Community Preservation Committee, was enthusiastic about supplying potential assistance but asked Wood to check with Director of Public Works Brian Joyce first.

CPC Chairman Russ Bonetti did not think the preservation fund could be tapped for a structure around the boxes because it would not qualify as historical preservation.

However, CPC member Susan Hoadley felt the fund might be able to help with engineering costs.

In an email, Joyce said he had discussed the project previously with Boy Scout leadership and that



Unsightly electrical boxes on the Town Common need some kind of attractive structure to hide them from view. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MARY FORD

it would be a great Eagle Scout project if a scout wished to take it on.

"If not, the Town would most likely contract the work," he stated, noting the concept talked about would require some funding most likely through the CPC, and some carpentry skills.

"We're still working on the concept and plan to have follow-up discussions with Peter on the best approach," Joyce said.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2015 session.

The House has held 179 roll call votes. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 224 roll calls. On quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

Only 78 (49.3 percent) of the House's 158 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The representative who missed the most roll calls is Rep. Harold Naughton (D-Clinton), who missed 131 (26.8 percent attendance) because of his military service.

Also included in the top five worst records are Reps. Gail Cariddi (D-North Adams), who missed 109 (39.1 percent attendance); Gerald Parisella (D-Beverly), who missed 100 (44.1 percent attendance); and Evandro Carvalho (D-Dorchester), who missed 54 roll calls (69.8 percent).

Parisella missed many votes because of his military service, Cariddi and Kafka both had medical issues and Carvalho's wife gave birth to their first child.

REPRESENTATIVES' 2015 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the representative's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which he or she was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the he or she missed.

Rep. Bruce Ayers 100 percent (0)
Rep. Garrett Bradley 100 percent (0)
Rep. Thomas Caller 99.4 percent (1)
Rep. James Cantwell 99.4 percent (1)
Rep. Mark Cusack 96.0 percent (7)
Rep. Josh Cutler 100 percent (0)
Rep. David DeCoste 100 percent (0)
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia 100 percent (0)
Rep. Geoff Diehl 100 percent (0)

Rep. Michelle DuBois 98.8 percent (2)
Rep. William Galvin 94.9 percent (9)
Rep. Susan Gifford 100 percent (0)
Rep. Generic 96.6 percent (6)
Rep. Randy Hunt 97.2 percent (5)
Rep. Louis Kafka 44.1 percent (100)
Rep. Ronald Mariano 99.4 percent (1)
Rep. Christopher Markey 97.7 percent (4)
Rep. Matthew Muratore 100 percent (0)
Rep. James Murphy 99.4 percent (1)
Rep. William Straus 95.5 percent (8)
Rep. Walter Timilty 100 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

RECORDING WINE (H 1909) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would expand the current law allowing restaurant and hotel customers to bring home an unfinished bottle of wine. The proposal would expand the law to taverns, clubs and veterans' organizations like American Legion posts. The wine would have to be resealed and then placed in a one-time-use tamper-proof, transparent bag.

Supporters said it is time to expand this law to ensure that people do not finish their bottle of wine just so it doesn't go to waste. They noted that often leads to drunken driving.

REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO GIVE FLU SHOTS (H 1917) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on a proposal requiring hospitals to offer, prior to discharge, flu shots to all inpatients 65 years of age or older at the hospital from October 1 to March 1 of the following year.

INMATES MUST PAY FEES FOR THEIR INCARCERATION (\$ 1300) - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on a measure that would require non-indigent prison inmates to pay \$2 per day to defray the cost of incarceration. Inmates who could not afford the fees would have an outstanding bill when they leave prison.

Supporters of the fee said it is time that criminals share a small portion of the financial burden of room and board and other services. They noted there are a lot of prisoners who enter prison with money, which is then put in their canteen fund to buy personal items and candy. They argued that the proposal would raise up to \$120 million in much-needed revenue.

Some opponents of the fee said the proposal is misguided and mean-spirited and argued that the revenue from this program would amount to less than the cost of administering it. Others said that money would be better spent to

help inmates reintegrate into society after their release.

BAN CELL PHONES UNLESS HANDS-FREE (H 3474) - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit all drivers from using a hand-held cell phone but allow them to use a hands-free one. It imposes on violators a fine of \$500 for a first offense, \$1,000 for a second offense and \$1,500 for a third or subsequent offense. The measure also provides that some of the fines go into a newly created special trust fund used to pay to train police officers.

Supporters say the bill would save lives and prevent accidents. They pointed to accidents, deaths and injuries involving cell phones.

Although no one testified against the measure, some opponents say the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others note that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted.

PROHIBIT CITIES AND TOWNS FROM BANNING GUNS (S 1084) - The Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit counties, cities and towns from passing any law or regulation concerning the ownership, use, purchase and receipt of weapons, antique weapons, ammunition or ammunition components.

BAN STYROFOAM PACKAGING (S 1086) - The Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government's hearing also included a bill that would allow cities and towns to ban the commercial sale and use of any Styrofoam and other polystyrene containers. Styrofoam is the Dow Chemical Company's brand name of polystyrene. These containers are the familiar white plastic foam ones that supermarkets and fast food and other restaurants use to package and serve food and drinks.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 7-11, the House met for a total of 20 minutes while the Senate met for a total 17 minutes.

UPDATE

Shedding light on library lamps

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Readers are seeing things in a new light now that all of the library's lamps have been replaced.

The lighting retrofit project guided by the Alternative Energy Committee, which started on Oct. 13th, wrapped up this month. Close to 300 fluorescent and incandescent lighting fixtures were replaced with high-efficiency LED bulbs in the library and Recreation Department, both interior and exterior.

To the casual observer, the difference might not be immediately noticeable. Aesthetics were a primary concern, and as a result, only the insides of the lamps were upgraded. The original housing was retained in order to preserve the library's ambience. Even the tone of the light was carefully matched to provide a warm and welcoming color as opposed to the harsh blue that is often associated with LEDs.

But to the attuned eye, "The lighting is significantly improved," said Town Engineer Brian Joyce. He noted that some basement lights

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had been added to the project's scope to further increase energy saving. "A few of them stay on, so the payback is really quick on those ones," said Joyce.

The lighting retrofit project was part of the town's effort to be crowned a "Green Community." Ed Kordash of Energy Conservation, Inc., the company in charge of the project, explained how the retrofit would benefit the environment as well as the town's bottom line.

"The goal is to remove all mercury-containing fluorescent lamps," said Kordash. Because mercury is so toxic, disposal of fluorescent lamps can be a real headache. Energy Conservation, Inc. had to transfer the old lamps to a specialized recycling facility in Fall River to safely dispose of them.

On the other hand, Kordash explained, "LEDs are electronics, similar to your

phone or the back light in TVs." In other words, they're not toxic. They also last up to 100,000 hours, meaning the town won't have to replace these lights again for several decades.

Energy Conservation, Inc. completed an LED lighting retrofit at the Police and Fire station earlier this year, replacing 148 fixtures, and installed variable frequency drives at all three schools in town — a project that also saw completion this month.

VFDs can start up slowly or run at a reduced speed when energy demands are low. The old drives required a massive in-rush of energy to start, and once they were on, they ran at 100 percent until someone turned them off.

"This is what we considered to be the low-hanging fruit," said Alternative Energy Chairman Shaun Selha. Now that these goals have been achieved, phase one of the

committee's energy conservation plan is more or less complete.

All that remains is the conversion of street lights to high-efficiency LEDs, a project that is stalled out while the town waits for National Grid to reconcile the true number of street lights in town after a recent survey showed that the utility's records were off by a long shot. The numbers should be in by the end of 2015.

The committee hopes to add a lighting retrofit at the DPW building before officially declaring phase one complete. The Town is currently reviewing the payback numbers to determine if retrofitting the DPW is the right choice, but Joyce and Selha said it was likely the town would undertake the project.

At the DPW building, said Joyce, it's not just about the energy savings. There are high maintenance costs associated with replacing the loftiest light bulbs, which requires a lift, as often as twice a year.

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UPDATE

Smooth sailing ahead for dredging

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The Cohasset Harbor dredging project hit some choppy waters this past month, but it looks like it could be smooth sailing from here on out.

"It was pretty clear they had some bumps in the road," said Town Manager Chris Senior. "They haven't made as much progress as any of us had hoped. But they're back on track now."

The Army Corps of Engineers, which is directing the project, originally anticipated completion by Thanksgiving, with all equipment removed by December. However, a bout of harsh weather struck in October when the project was slated to begin, driving back the start date.

That was the first delay. In theory, excess sand from the harbor would be hydraulically pumped through piping that was assembled along the coastline. Sand would be deposited first at the north end of the beach, with portions of the pipe being removed as subcontractors worked down the beach.

In practice, things didn't go so smoothly. The contractor, H2H Associates, found earlier this month that clogs were forming in the pipeline between the Harbor and Sandy Beach. This was partly due

to excess pipeline links, which have now been removed.

The other issue was insufficient equipment. The original plan called for a basic hydraulic dredge with a cutter head, but it turned out that the machine didn't have the horsepower to get the material to the beach. The Army Corps has now brought in a booster pump, and the project is back on track.

A new team is on the job, and they're working around the clock to meet Mother Nature's deadline. The window of opportunity for dredging closes at the end of January. Tim Dugan from the Army Corps said he believed the project could be completed within that time frame.

Cohasset Harbor was last dredged more than 15 years ago. Dredging was slated to take place in the fall of 2014, but it took a back seat to more pressing projects brought about in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The Army Corps aims to reestablish the channel at 90 feet wide by nine feet deep.

"They're doing a wonderful job and working very hard out there," said Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons.

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HEALTH

No decision yet on raising tobacco age

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The Board of Health met Tuesday to consider raising the legal age for purchasing tobacco products in the Town of Cohasset. No decision has yet been reached; three topics remain under discussion and will come up again at the board's next meeting on Jan. 19th.

First, the board is considering raising the minimum legal sales age from 18 to 21 for tobacco products. This is in light of a March 24, 2015 Communities That Care Report for Grades 6 to 12 in Cohasset Public Schools, which showed that, after alcohol, tobacco is the most commonly used drug among our adolescents.

Data from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) states that nearly 9 out of 10 cigarette smokers first tried smoking by age 18. Each day in the United States, more than 3,800 youth aged 18 years or younger smoke their first cigarette and an additional 2,100 youths and young adults become daily cigarette smokers.

A 2015 American Journal of Preventative Medicine article, Nicotine and the Developing Human, states that smoking cigarettes during adolescence has been associated with cognitive and behavioral impairments. These impairments include effects on the working memory and attention, and reduced prefrontal cortex activation.

The prefrontal cortex is responsible for planning complex cognitive behavior, personality expression, decision making and social behavior. The brain does not reach full maturity until the twenties; therefore purchasing tobacco products should be restricted to adults 21 years and older. Braintree, Duxbury, Hull, Marshfield and Scituate have raised the tobacco purchase age to 21 years. In Hingham, the tobacco purchase age is 19 years; Norwell has scheduled a public hearing on Dec. 21st to discuss increasing the age to purchase tobacco products. In total, 75 Massachusetts municipalities have increased the minimum age for tobacco purchases to adults 21 years and older.

Second, the board is considering limiting flavored tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to adult-only retail tobacco stores, a.k.a. smoke shops. Cohasset does not currently have any such

stores, meaning these products would not be available in town.

Flavored tobacco is made to appeal to youth. In 2014, 73 percent of high school students and 56 percent of middle school students in the United States reported using flavored tobacco products in the last 30 days.

Finally, the board is considering lowering the cap on the number of tobacco

permits allowed in town. Under current regulations, up to 10 permits could be given out. Only eight are in use — by Tedeschi's, Curtis Liquors, Marylou's, and some gas stations in town. The board proposes lowering the cap to eight so that no additional permits could be given out.

The board has chosen to re-evaluate these regulations because data shows

that mortality from lung cancer is 24 percent higher in Cohasset compared to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse tobacco is the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States.

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GOLF

Hole in One

Congratulations to Cohasset's Ray Thompson for hitting a hole-in-one Dec. 12 at Widow's Walk in Scituate. Thompson's ace was on Hole No. 2 with a tee from 126 yards. He used a gap wedge for the shot which was witnessed by Steve Oliver.

CORRECTION

Wrong Name

In the Dec. 11 edition of the Cohasset Mariner, girls basketball freshman Laney Hixson was identified as Laney Holbrook. Hixson made the varsity in her freshman year and will be with the Skippers this season.

WRESTLING

Cohasset Tournament

The Cohasset wrestling team will be hosting the 25th annual Cohasset Wrestling Tournament, Saturday, Jan. 9 with a 10 a.m. start. The tournament has been consistently running as it heads into the 25th year. Head coach Torin Sweeney has been a huge contributor to the event every year, working to make everything run smoothly. The event is a big fundraiser for the Cohasset Wrestling Boosters and will have a full snack bar for the all-day event. • The Skippers recently finished second at the Scituate Invitational Tournament and gave B.C. High a battle in the regular season debut. Come out and support the team as they take another big step preparing for the postseason with the similar type tournament.

JOB OPENINGS

Cohasset positions

The coaching positions listed below are vacant. Applications for the following positions are now being accepted: Varsity Head Baseball Coach (Spring 2016) All candidates should send the following, letter of intent, resume, three references and/or contact AD Ron Ford at: Athletic Director Cohasset Middle-High School 143 Pond Street, Cohasset MA 02025 phone: 781-383-6103

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Youth Indoor Soccer

The U at Hanover will host Youth Indoor Soccer with a league beginning Jan. 23. Games will be Friday, Saturday or Sunday depending on age. Ages U8, U10, U14 High School boys and girls. This is the second of two sessions. The first session is already underway.

BOYS HOCKEY

Melting the ice

Icemen outscore opponents 13-1 in first two games

The Cohasset Mariner

Wednesday Dec. 16.

The Skippers opened up the 2015-16 season with a pair of victories, including a 4-1 victory over South Shore League opponent Hull/ Middleboro to open the season Dec. 12 and a 9-0 win over non-league opponent Saint John Paul II,

Sophomore forward Kyle Ferreira led the way in the opener with his first career hat trick, and junior defenseman Michael Cohen rounded out the scoring with his first tally of the season. Senior captain Liam McHugh recorded the

win in net with 14 saves.

In Wednesday's game, the Skippers rolled to a 9-0 win on the road.

Jackson Dutton started the scoring for the Skippers Wednesday with a goal at 9:13 of the first period.

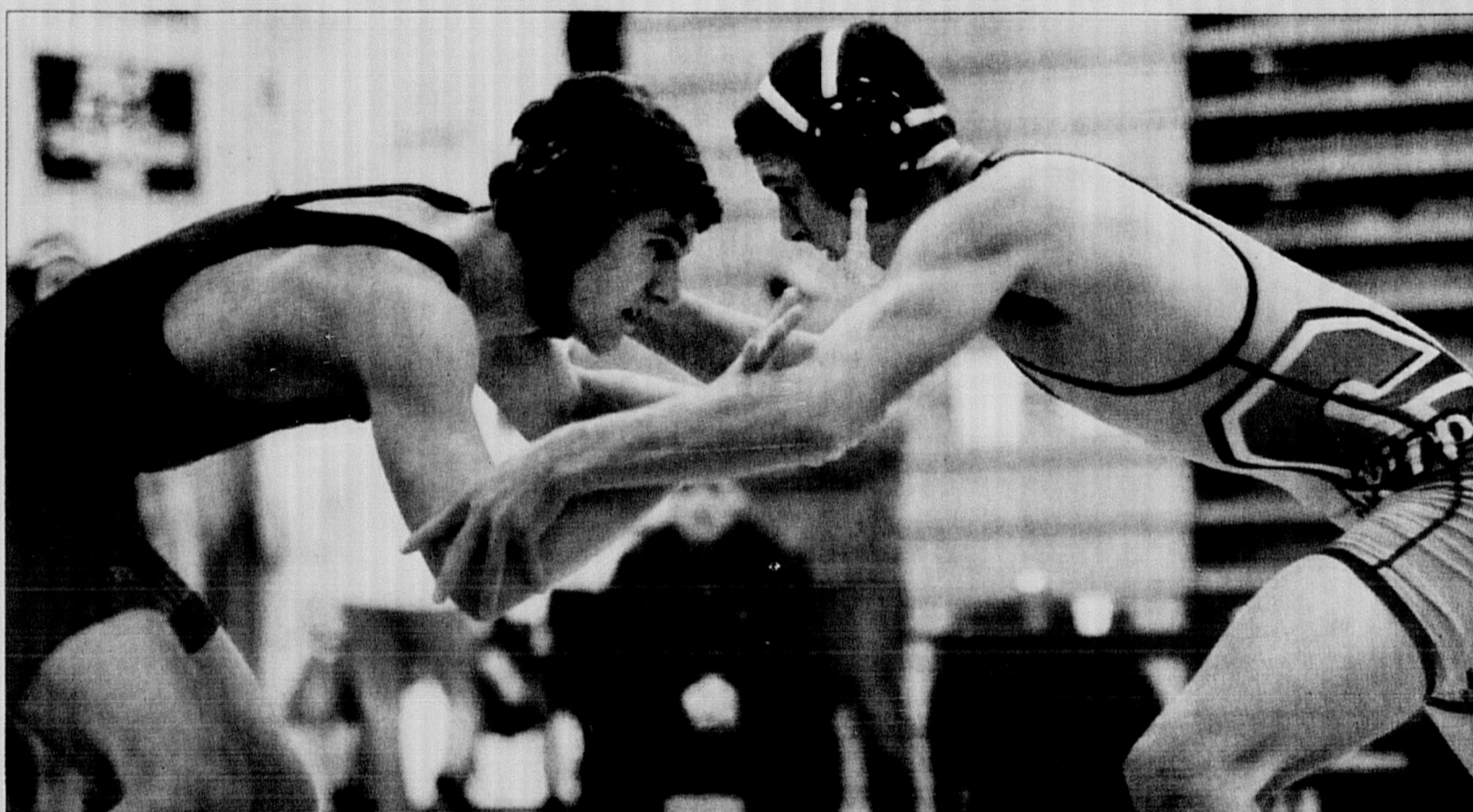
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Cohasset's Matt Legge chases the puck along with a Dedham player during a recent scrimmage. Legge had a goal in the Skippers' 9-0 win over St. John Paul II Wednesday, Dec. 16. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

WRESTLING

FINE PERFORMANCES



Scituate's Josh Hirsch faces off against Cohasset's Sean Mavilia in the 152 pound final. Hirsch finished second. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Grapplers second at Scituate Invitational

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset wrestling team headed to neighboring Scituate Dec. 12 for a day of battle at the Scituate Invitational Tournament.

In the end, it worked out pretty well for the Skippers, who scored an impressive second-place finish, behind the hosts, who nabbed the title.

It wasn't for a lack of champions however.

Cohasset tied the Sailors for most individual champions, with

five each, but Scituate's three second-place finishes were the difference. Cohasset had 188.50 total points, while Scituate closed the day with 205.

Canton finished third, followed by Georgetown-Ipswich, North Quincy, Norwell and Middleboro.

Cohasset's Danny Varney was the Skippers' first champ of the day, beating Georgetown's Josiah Krason in the final of the 113 division.

Varney finished the tournament with a 3-0 record to pace the Skippers.

Cohasset was quiet in the finals until they hit the 138-pound division where Mike Nolan battled Scituate star Ian Sincoski.

Nolan lost by pin, but still had an excellent day with a 2-1 record.

Fans didn't have much time to think about Nolan's loss, as Skipper Grant Gumpel stepped onto the mat to face North Quincy's Tom Koch at 145.

Gumpel had a fierce match that came down to the wire and ended with the Skipper, scoring a title with a major decision.

Sean Mavilia won the crown at 152, winning both matches he wrestled, including a major

decision over Scituate's Josh Hirsch in the final.

Luke O'Brien was the Skippers next champion, winning his third match of the day over Middleboro's Patrick Stover in the 170 final.

"It was good," O'Brien said of the afternoon. "A lot of kids had a chance to get experience. It was a lot of fun. Mine (final) was tough, but I kept working at it. Finishing 3-0 was pretty good. A good start to the season."

Jack Osten was a champion for Cohasset at 182, pinning Canton's Polan Makarov on the way to a

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls hoop and hockey roll

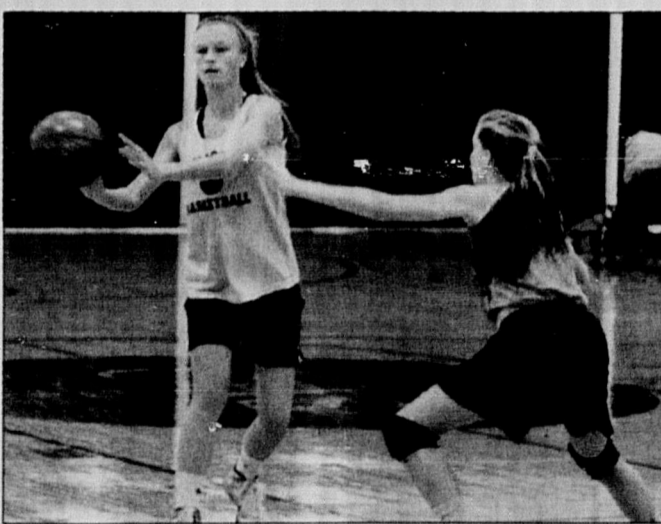
Meg Rosano stars in basketball victories

By William Wassersug
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The early part of the season has worked well for the Cohasset girls basketball and hockey teams, with the basketball team winning its first two games of the season and the hockey team winning its opener.

For the basketball team, senior captain Meg Rosano has been nothing short of amazing, netting 18 points

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Meg Rosano looks to pass during a recent scrimmage. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

SWIMMING

Stately start

Two swimmers crush state qualifying times as Skippers sweep Randolph

The Cohasset Mariner

Building from a solid foundation built by the current upperclassman and former Head Coach Torey Hart, the 2015-2016 Cohasset High School swim team is off to a tremendous start. Under new leadership assumed by head coach Bill Burnett, the team is deep in



Cohasset's Julia Klier has already qualified for the State Tournament after just one meet. COURTESY PHOTO

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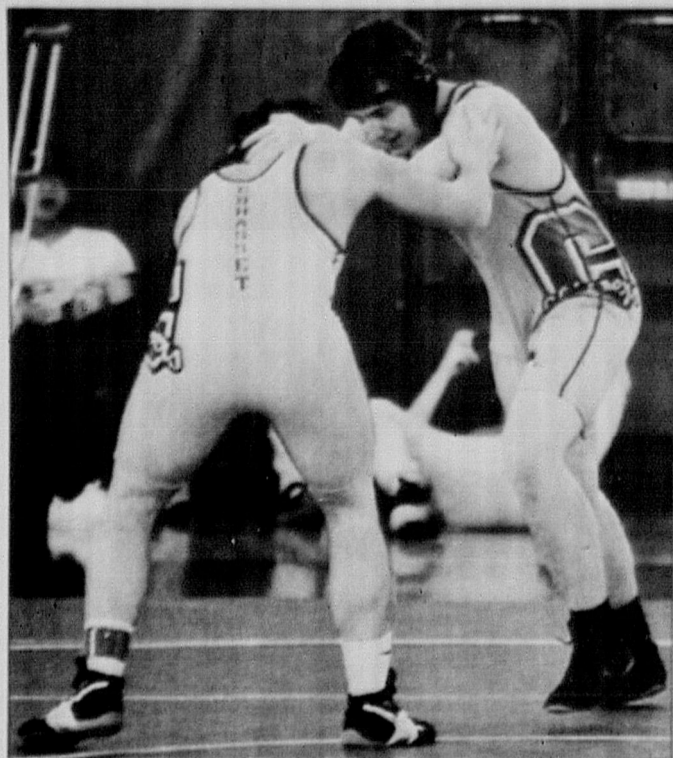
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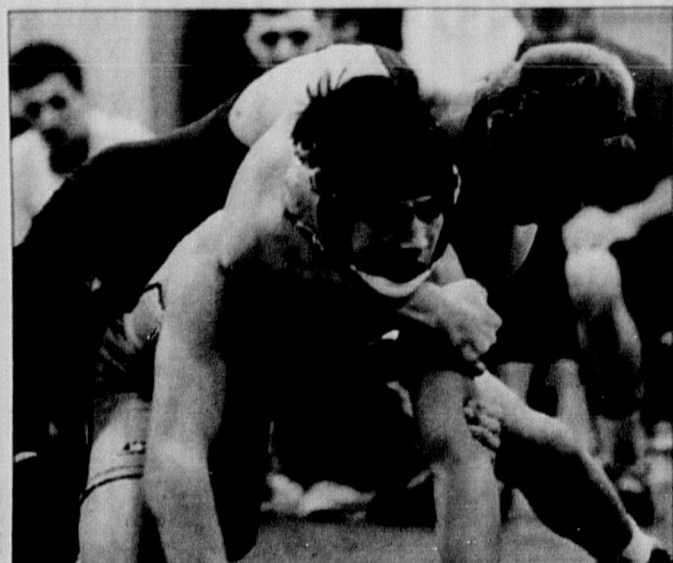
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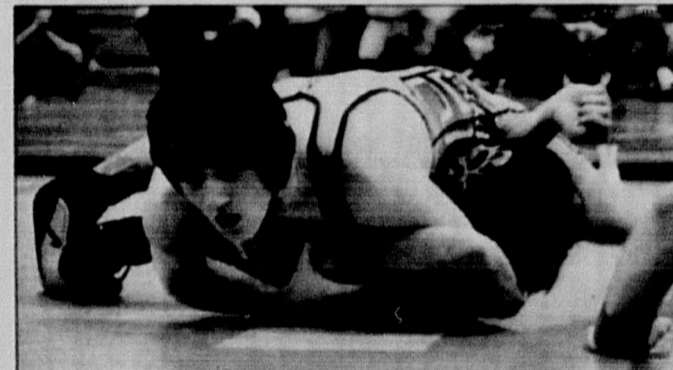
Cohasset's John Clay and Cole Sullivan wrestled each other at 160. Sullivan won. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Cohasset's Mike Nolan finished second at 138 to Scituate's Ian Sincoski. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Cohasset's Jack Osten gives a smile for the camera as he's on the way to winning the championship match of the Scituate Invitational Tournament's 186-pound division. COURTESY PHOTO/KATY WASSERSUG



Cohasset senior Shawn Kearns. COURTESY PHOTO/SUE MAVILIA

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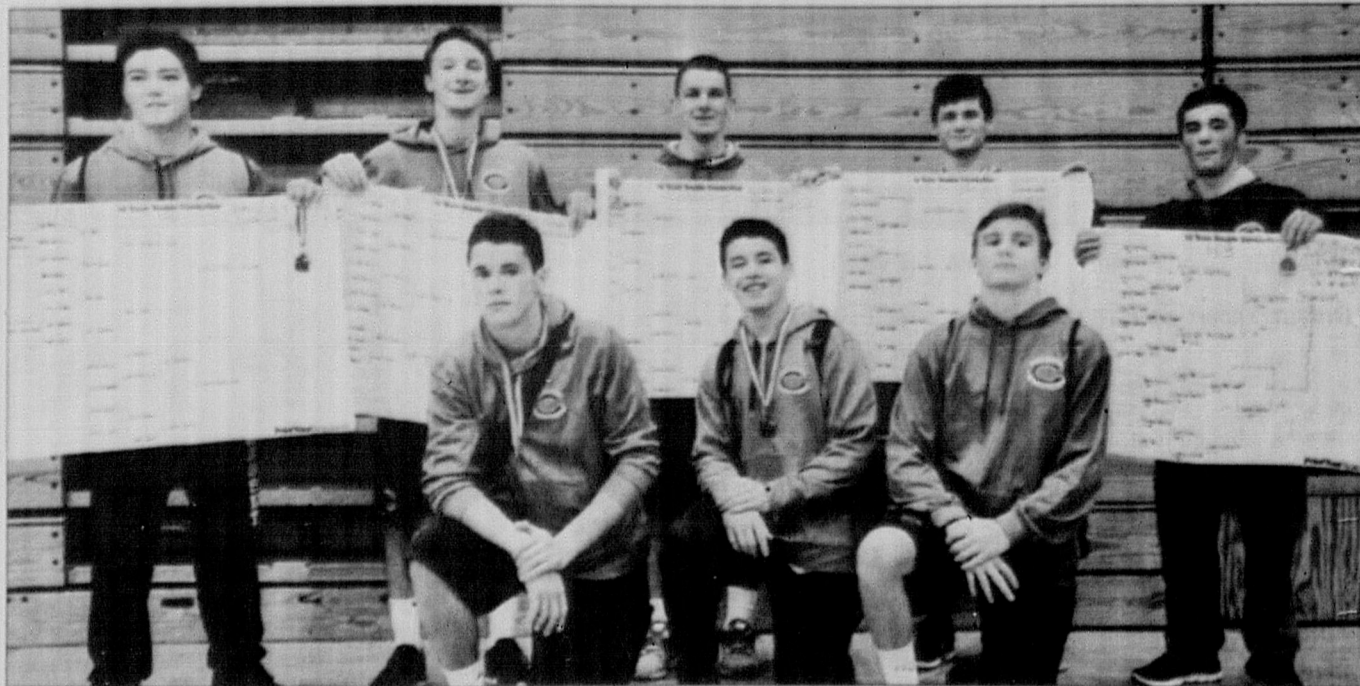
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Cohasset wrestlers finished second at the Dec. 12 Scituate Invitational Tournament. Front row, from left: Cole Sullivan, Michael Nolan, David Burke Back row, first place finishers, from left: Jack Osten (182), Luke O'Brien (170), Sean Mavilia (152), Grant Gumpeul (145), Dan Varney (113). COURTESY PHOTO/SUE MAVILIA

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3-0 day.

"The kids wrestled really well," Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney said. "I didn't expect this many champions this early in the year. Our young kids wrestled tough. They had a good two weeks of work."

An interesting side, Scituate's Matt King has been working with the Sailors,

where his son Kevin King is head co-coach with Keith Durham.

Matt King was Sweeney's high school wrestling coach.

"He was fantastic," Sweeney said. "It doesn't surprise me he's done so well. He learned from Deken Conklin, who was an awesome technician. He passed it to me."

Sweeney has now been passing his experience to numerous wrestlers at the highest level of the sport in

high school.

The Skippers had one third-place finisher and a pair of fourth-placers.

In the next meet, Dec. 15, the Skippers were edged 36-33 against B.C. High.

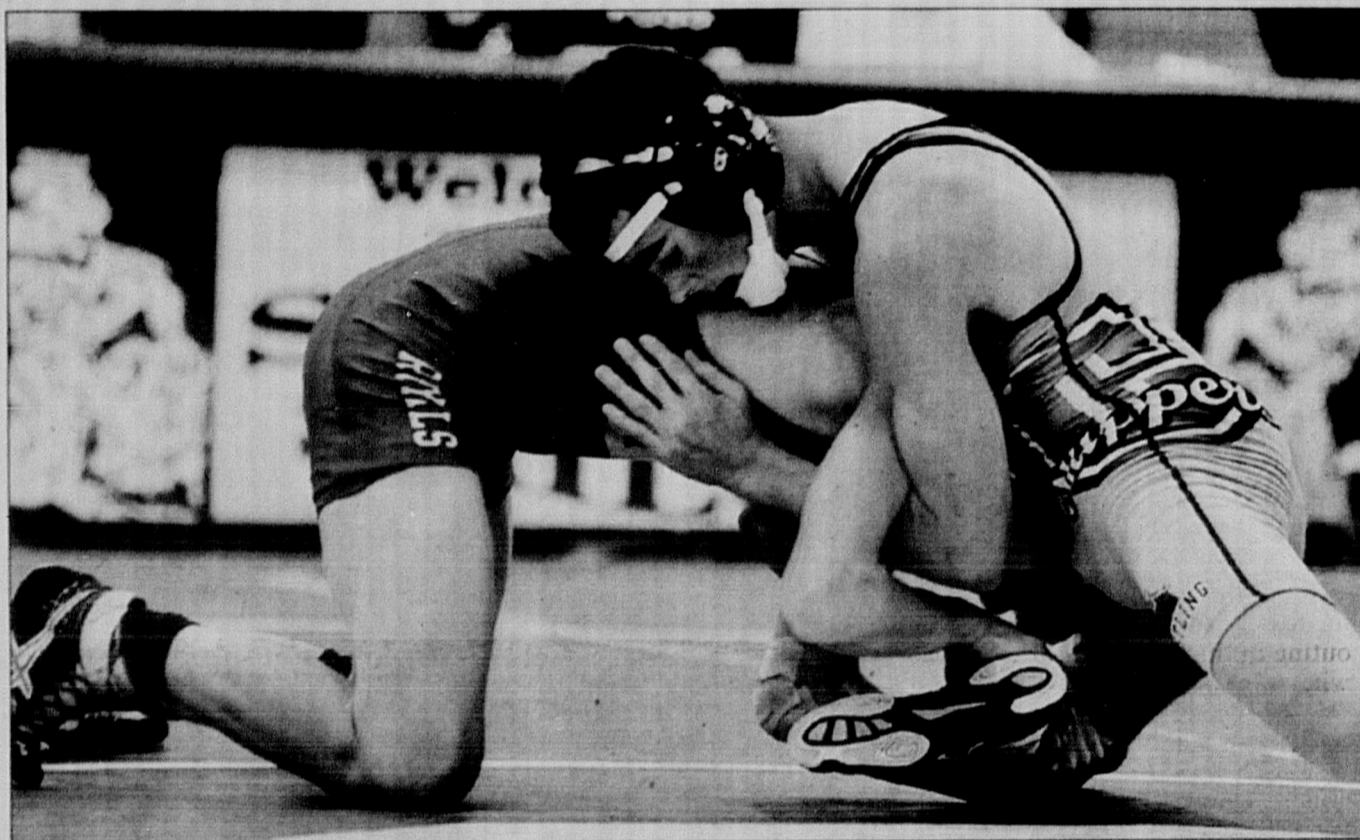
Next up for the Skippers is a home quad with Oliver Ames, Somerset and Silver Lake at 4 p.m. Friday Dec. 18.

The team will have the weekend off and then head to North Quincy Tuesday Dec. 22 for a 4 p.m. start.

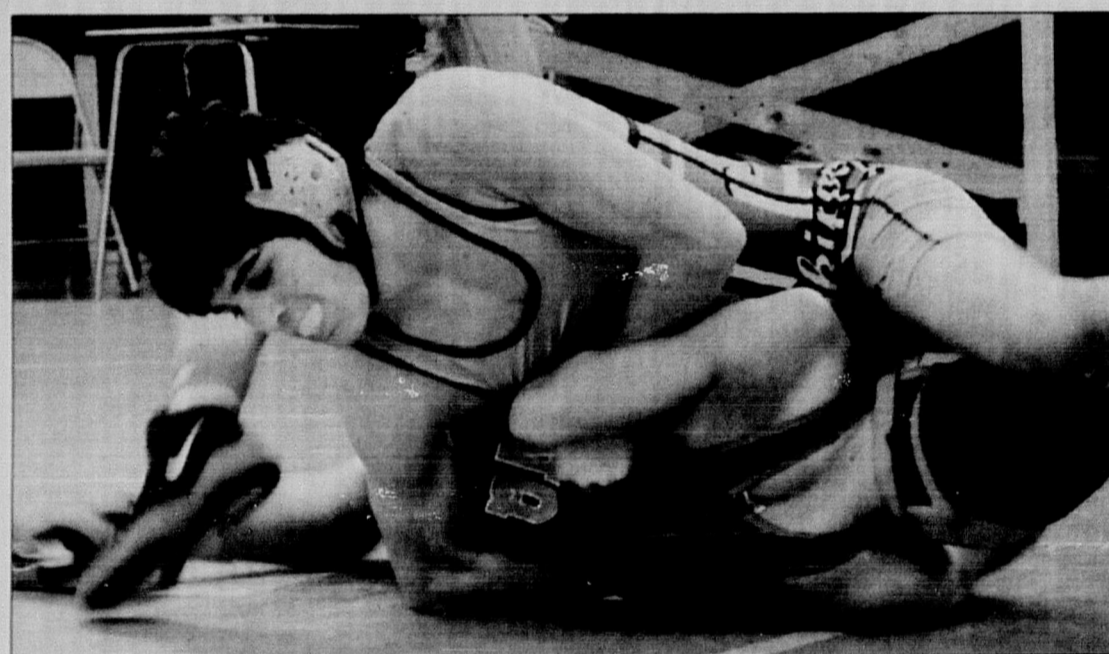
A day later, the Skippers travel to Hingham for a 5 p.m. tilt and Dec. 27 and 28 the team will compete at the Marshfield Tournament.

Cohasset will have a big day Dec. 9 when it hosts its 25th annual Cohasset Wrestling Tournament with a 10 a.m. start.

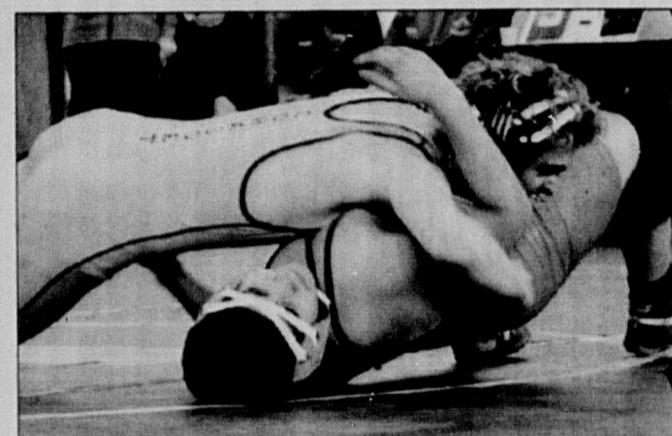
The event is a big one for the Wrestling Boosters and there will be food and drinks available during a full day of wrestling fun and action.



Cohasset's Danny Varney (above) beat Georgetown Ipswich's Josiah Krasen to win the 113 championship at the Scituate Invitational Tournament Dec. 12 at Scituate High School. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG
Cohasset senior Whyatt Dominguez (left) and Cohasset senior Liam Lynch (below). COURTESY PHOTOS/SUE MAVILIA



Sean Mavilia won the Scituate Invitational Tournament championship at 152. COURTESY PHOTO/KATY WASSERSUG



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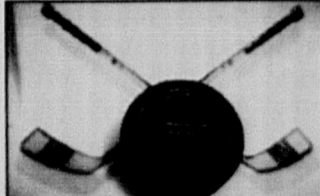
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Kyle O'Brien followed about four minutes later with help from Matt Legge and Connor Joslin added a third first-period goal with less than three minutes remaining in the frame. Andrew Rosano assisted on the Joslin goal. Dutton notched another goal

in the first and freshman Matt Lund scored one as the Skippers led 5-0 after one.

Rosano then scored his first career goal midway through the second period with a helper from Aidan McHugh. The Skippers made it 7-0 with 30 seconds left in the second period on a goal by Ferreira. Dutton picked up his third point of the night with the assist. Jimmy Farren and

Mike Cohen rounded out the scoring. Defensively, the Skippers outshot Saint John Paul II 25-0 through the first two periods. "As a staff, we liked the team's effort and energy level all night," Cohasset coach Phil Mahoney said about the Hull/Middleboro win. "We certainly weren't expecting perfection this early in the season, but saw some very good things at both ends of the ice."

Mahoney was pleased with the defense in the opener.

"Our defensemen really controlled the flow of the game and with their puck movement, generated quality opportunities in transition and on offense," he said. "All of our line combinations are brand new this season and as they gel and become more cohesive as a unit, we expect even better play up front."

Mahoney was, and has been impressed with Ferreira.

"It was nice to see Kyle Ferreira score tonight," he said. "He has worked hard in practice and is taking the necessary steps to become a more complete hockey player. I look forward to watching him grow this season." Cohasset will host South Shore League foe Abington Saturday Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at Connell

Rink in Weymouth and will follow with a highly anticipated matchup with Hanover Wednesday Dec. 23 at 7:50 p.m. at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke. In a recent pre-season poll by Hockey Night in Boston, Hanover was ranked No. 1 in Division 3 South and Cohasset was close behind. In another poll, Norwell was No. 3, Hanover was No. 5 and the Skippers were No. 8.

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talent and enthusiasm for what is anticipated to be a strong year for the Skippers.

"I inherited a terrific group," Burnett said. "Everyone on the team is working hard and willing to try new things in my program. Our first meet on Friday was a fantastic showing of talent and support for all of our athletes. I am excited where we can take the team this year."

The girls beat Randolph 90-39 by winning every event in the meet.

Individual event winners included Julia Klier (200 Individual Medley, 100 Backstroke), Abby Thomas (200 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle), Nicky Tolosko (50 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly), Lena Welch (500 Freestyle), and Madeline Littlejohn (100 Breaststroke).

The Cohasset boys beat Randolph by overtaking the opposition in the last two events of the meet for a final score of 80-72. First place performances were recorded by Dean Spicer (200 Individual Medley, 500 Freestyle), Luke Norton (100 Freestyle), Joe Wellman (100 Butterfly)



Cohasset's Dean Spicer.
COURTESY PHOTO

and Max Nakashima (100 Breaststroke).

Cohasset broke five new school records during the swim meet.

What's more, two athletes beat state qualifying teams earning each of them a spot at the season ending state competition in February. Connecticut College bound Julia Klier crushed the state qualifying times in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:19.16 and in the 100 Backstroke (1:04.59). Freshman standout Dean Spicer also qualified for states in the 200 Individual Medley (2:09.25) and 500 Freestyle (5:06.27).

With the largest team in Cohasset swimming history, 39 student-athletes practice daily at the Scituate Racquet Club.

The next competition is against Rockland High School, Friday Dec. 18.

Norwell Dec. 23 at the Bog with a 5:15 p.m. drop.

After that is a week off before a road trip to Foxboro Sports Center and King Philip Dec. 30 at 2 p.m.

SCHL HOCKEY

Crusaders finish with flair

By Mark Ducharme
Correspondent

The Crusaders finished up the regular season with a little bit of a flair in the South Coastal Hockey League.

They trailed the Stingers in the final regular season game, 2-0 going into the third period. Nate Rasmussen of Hingham scored a power play goal and Marshfield's Ron Read tied the game, 2-2 with a goal with 1:50 left in the game Jack Carrigg of Marshfield scored the only goal of the shootout to give the Crusaders a 3-2 come-from-behind win.

The Crusaders will be the second-seed and they will have goalie Barry Kaiser, who won the President's Award for the lowest goals against average and Mike Simon, who won the scoring title. They will face the third-seeded Sharks in the semifinals.

John Dunn and Paul Smyth scored the goals for the Stingers in the second period to give them a 2-0 lead over the Crusaders. Bill Sawtelle of Pembroke scored with 2:24 left in the game to break a 3-3 tie and give the Sharks a 4-3 win over the Toros.

Marshfield's Tim Cruz had a goal and two assists, Jay Faherty scored two

goals and Tim Fallon had three assists in the game for the Sharks.

Paul Lyons of Pembroke scored a goal and assisted on one, Paul Brinkman and Jim Holmes also of Pembroke added a goal each for the Toros, who are the top-seed and will play the fourth-seed Whalers in the semifinals.

Jim Ford scored two goals and Scituate's Mike Gee had three assists to lead the Saints to a 5-1 win over the Whalers.

Hanover's Tom Shaughnessy, Jim Mulhern of Pembroke and Ed Norton scored a goal each for the Saints. Tom Pipenbrink scored the goal for the Whalers in the second period.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Time to play

Skippers' season starts tonight

By William Wassersug
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The waiting is finally over for the Cohasset boys basketball team as they finally play a game that counts tonight (Friday, Dec. 18) with a road trip to league-rival Carver at 6:30 p.m.

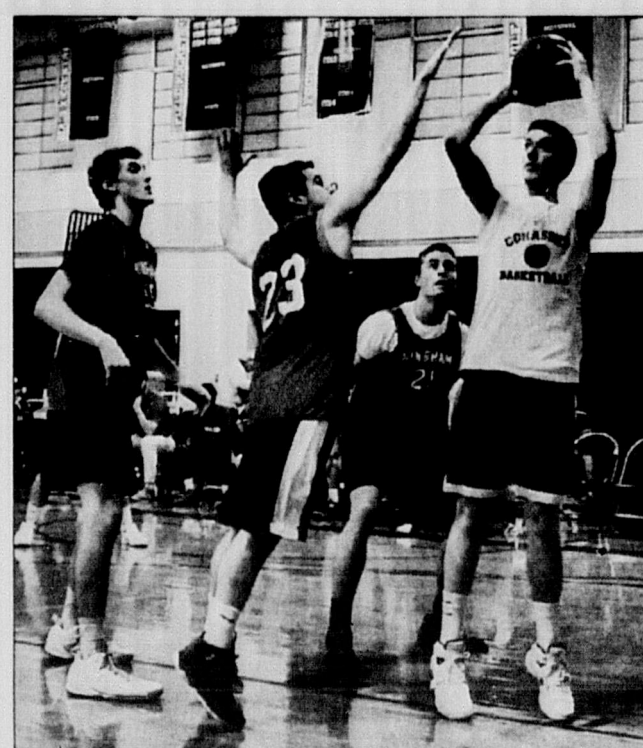
The boys have a little extra incentive, according to coach Bo Ruggiero.

"They upset us last year for the first time in years," he said. "I hope the kids who were there watching last year remember that. It is something we don't

want to happen again."

While there are a number of players who were in attendance last year, only Alex Norton is the only returning starter from last year.

Cohasset will get back in the swing with a home game against Abington Wednesday, Dec. 23 and have two more home games against South Shore Regional Vocational School, Monday, Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m. and Southeastern Regional at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 at 5 p.m. before going back on the road Jan. 5 at Monomoy.



Cohasset's Nick Rosen takes a shot during a scrimmage against Hingham. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

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in a 44-27 win at Holbrook Dec. 11.

She followed that performance with a 24-point outing in the team's 36-23 win over Carver, Tuesday Dec. 15.

The girls will be back in action Dec. 18, 19 and 20 against Fenway, New Mission and O'Bryant at the Holiday Jam Tournament at UMass. Boston. The Fenway game is Friday at 5 p.m., while New Mission is Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and O'Bryant is Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Looking a little further ahead, the Skippers are at Abington, Wednesday Dec. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Dec. 29 is a trip to Norton for a 5 p.m. tip-off and the girls will finally get back home when they host league rival Monomoy Jan. 5, 2016.

On the ice, Cohasset/Hanover won its opener with a 3-2 win over Whitman-Hanson/Silver Lake, Wednesday Dec. 16. Sam Taylor put the girls on the board in the first period and that held it into the third period when Whitman-Hanson/Silver Lake tied it up.

Alex Martini fixed that problem with two third period goals to give Cohasset/Hanover a 3-1 lead and hung on the final three minutes after Whitman-Hanson/Silver Lake cut the lead to 3-2.

Callie Hoadley had two assists and Taylor had one to go with her goal. Martini also had an assist. In net, Shea Kearney notched 16 saves.

Next up for the girls is a battle with Scituate, at 12:45 p.m. Saturday Dec. 19 at Randolph's Zapustas Arena.

"I love playing them. It's always a fun game," Scituate coach Bob 'Rosie Rosata' said recently after his team tied Dennis-Yarmouth 2-2 at DY. "They are always tough. Their goalie (Kearney) is fantastic."

The girls follow the Scituate game with a tilt against

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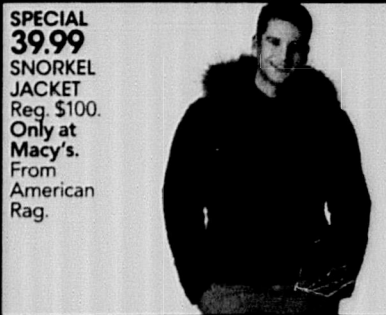
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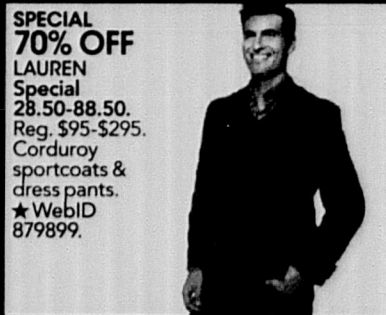
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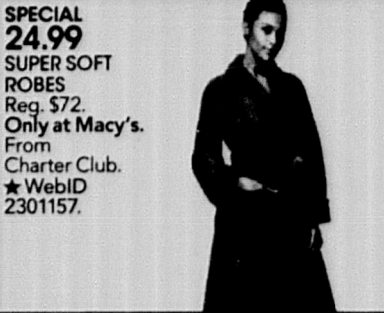
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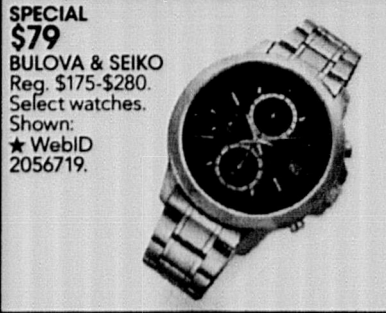
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DEER HILL

Knitting hats for Rosie's Place

Deer Hill students are once again hard at work knitting hats for Rosie's Place, a Boston-area homeless shelter. This knitting project which began 20 years ago back in 1996, has supplied over 3,000 hats over the years.

This is a great

opportunity for children to learn that they can make a difference in a person's life by making something special that will keep them warm. The shelter is always very appreciative of our children's efforts and all finished hats are displayed in the main lobby at Deer Hill

through early December when they get delivered. The community is also welcome to knit hats and bring them to Deer Hill. We try to deliver the hats before the holiday break.

— Ann Berman, Art Educator, Deer Hill School



Deer Hill 3rd, 4th and 5th graders have been knitting hats for the Deer Hill Hat Project since September. COURTESY PHOTOS

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FACT:

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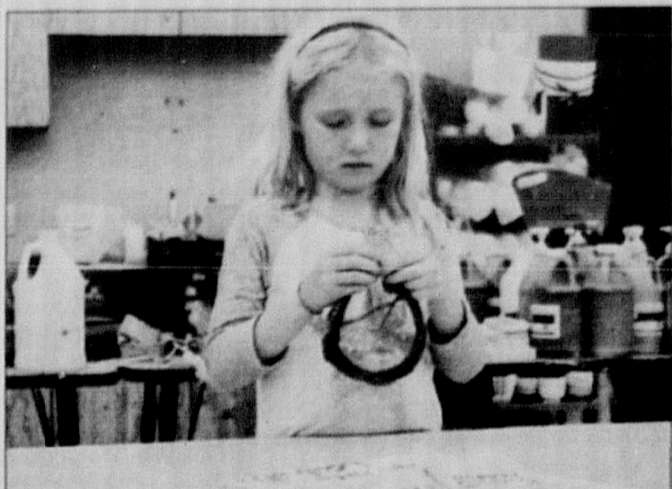
FACT:

Each year mothers who smoke at least 10 cigarettes a day cause 8,000 to 26,000 new cases of asthma through secondhand smoke.



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Isabelle LaBash concentrates on knitting a hat.



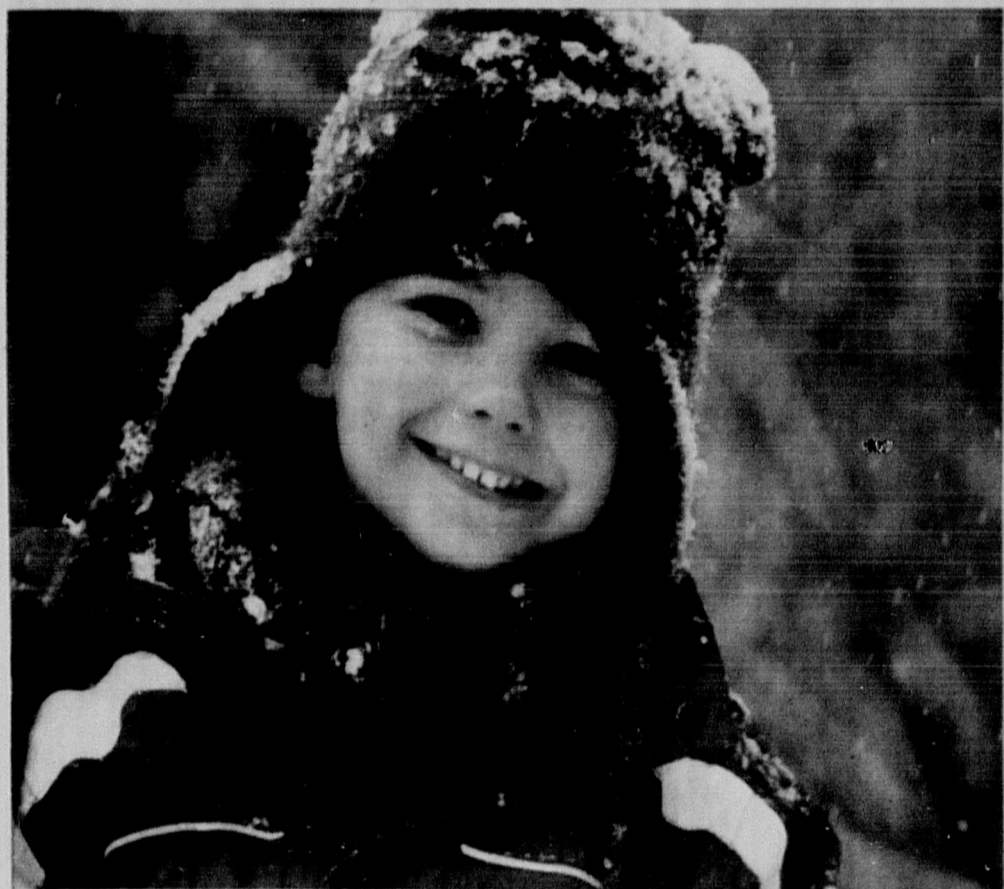
Ava DeSalvo, Grade 5, knits a multi-colored hat.



Nathan Askjaer and Liam Thorton, Grade 3, and Emma Thorton, Grade 5, have been knitting after school on Monday's to make hats for Rosie's Place.



Dozens of hats knitted by Deer Hill students and families hang outside Ms. Berman's art room. Hats will be delivered to Rosie's Place Friday, Dec. 18th.



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THIRD ANNUAL

Lobster Trap Tree

Photos by Paul Rutherford

The third annual Cohasset Lobster Trap Christmas Tree was lit Dec. 13 on the patio at Old Salt House next to the Atlantica restaurant on Border Street.

The event featured hot chocolate and mulled apple cider, courtesy of Atlantica, holiday music and a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, who entertained the children and handed out candy canes. More than 100 people attended the event.

At 30 feet, this year's tree is bigger than before. The tree was built with 405 lobster traps, a four-foot Nativity star and decorated with more than 2,000 white lights and lobster buoy ornaments.

"When Cohasset lobsterman Ricky Barrow and his team were constructing the tree, he realized that we needed a lot more lights" said John Covell, who spearheads this effort. "I was sent on the mission, and I bought about every large bulb white light set in about a 15-mile radius. What I didn't realize was that some of the light sets were 'cool

lights,' while the bulk of the tree is decorated with 'warm lights.' We were going to replace them, but realized that the cool lights on top of the tree looked like snow when lit, and it was beautiful."

In addition to Barrow, the other lobstermen who loaned traps and helped construct the tree were Cory Barrow, Jeff Stone, Adam Donovan, Tony Sestito, Jack Pattison and Geoffrey Swain. The tree will remain up until early January 2016 and be lit every night from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The team is still accepting buoy ornaments, which can be dropped off at the Cohasset American Legion Post to be placed on the tree.

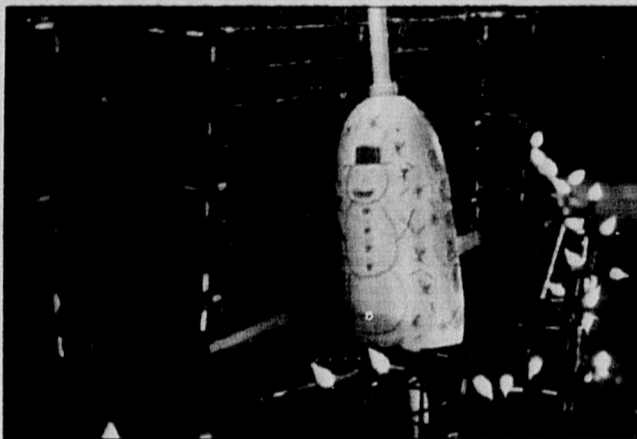
Because of last winter's snow, all of the lights and the nativity star were replaced this year at a cost of about \$600. Donations to help cover the replacement cost can be made out to Cohasset Lobster Trap Tree and sent to 83 Elm St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Any monies collected above the actual replacement cost will be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry.



Carl, Sandy, and Emily Forsythe admire the tree with Emily Turner.



Over 400 traps and thousands of lights make up the tree.



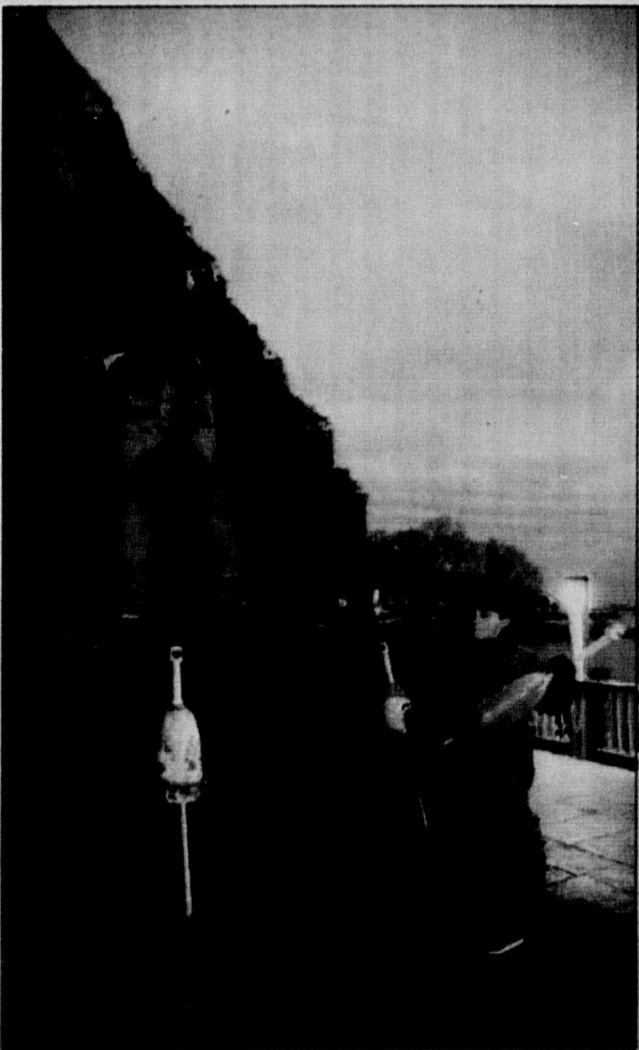
A decorated buoy ornament at the 3rd annual Lobster Trap Christmas Tree Lighting.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus give out candy canes to Tracy, Madeleine and Edward Windham at the 3rd annual Lobster Trap Christmas Tree Lighting.



The crowd enjoyed hot chocolate and cider before the lighting of the lobster trap tree.



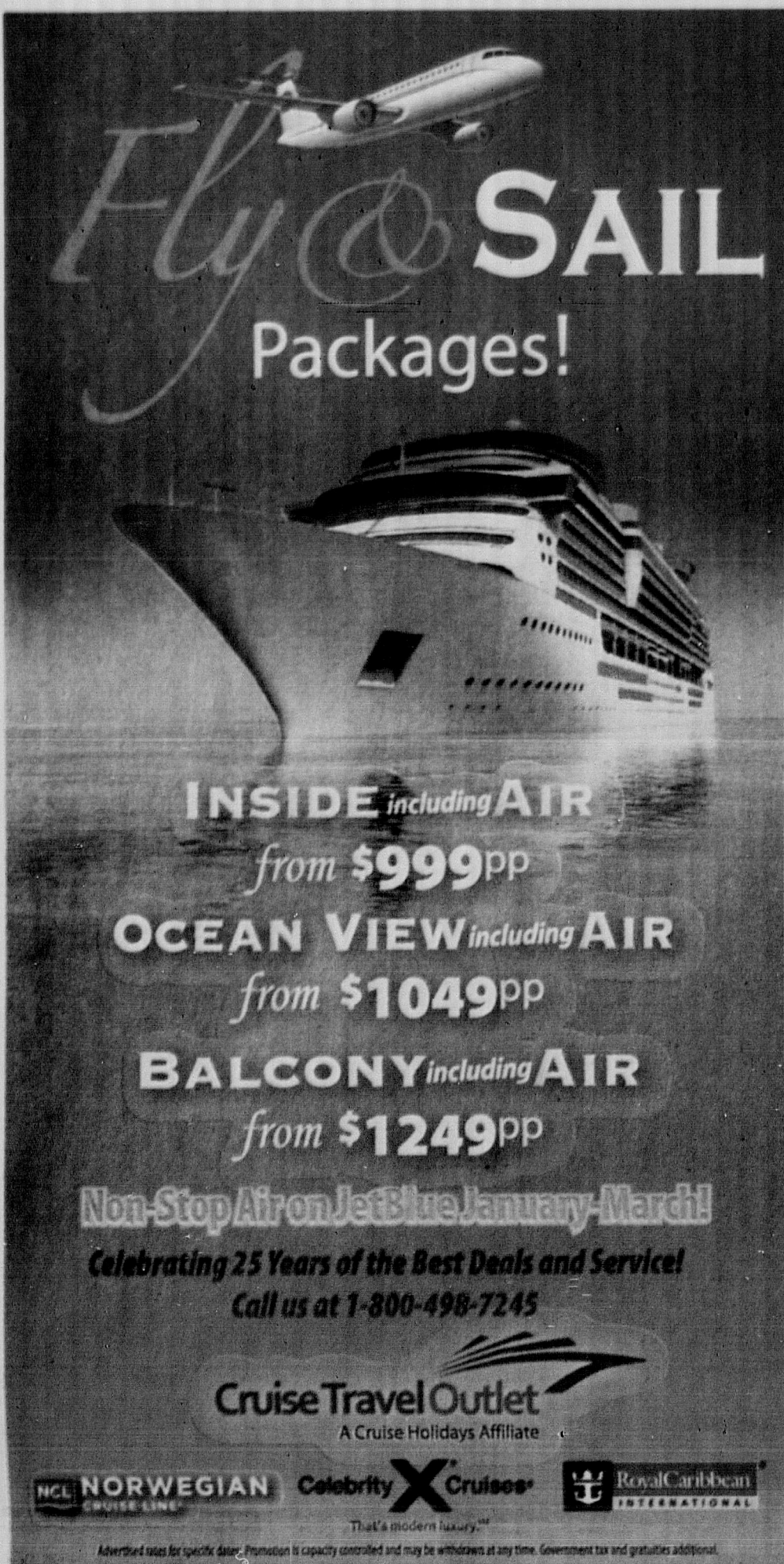
Hudson Verrill helps his dad Steve hang the last few ornaments.



Many visitors took photos of Mr. and Mrs. Claus in front of the tree.



Clara, Alison, Lydia, and Mark St. Onge pose in front of the tree.



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DISHING IT OUT

Authentic Italian fare is a family affair at AVA Cucina

Meet owners Annette and Vincent Agostino

We're Dishing it Out this week at AVA Cucina — a cozy, authentic Italian restaurant nestled in Cohasset Village where serving up classic favorites and creative original dishes is a family affair. Owners Annette and Vincent Agostino run the restaurant with the help of their five grown children and aim to create an atmosphere to remind diners of their grandmother's kitchen.

Your name and position:
Annette and Vincent Agostino, Owners/Operators.

How long has AVA Cucina been open for business?

AVA Cucina opened in June of 2010 and we are so grateful for the continued patronage of our customers. In the past six years we have developed lasting relationships and take great pride in making our guests feel like they are an extension of our family.

Favorite (most popular) dish on the menu:

It is hard to pick a favorite! Our most popular dishes tend to be "old-school" classic Italian such as the lasagna, spaghetti meat sauce, parmigianas, and hand rolled pizza. Our lasagna is a tower of noodles, ricotta cheese, mozzarella, and homemade marinara sauce served with a meatball. If you are not in the mood for marinara sauce, other favorites include spaghetti carbonara, chicken Gorgonzola, or a lighter sauce served with the had-dock piccata.

Favorite drink:

Our java mudslide martini is a must try with fresh brewed espresso and a

See food online!

Watch AVA cucina owners Vincent and Annette Agostino as they serve up delicious, authentic Italian cuisine at their cozy, family run restaurant in Cohasset Village. Stop in for a hearty meal and make yourself at home. You'll find the Dishing it Out video on the homepage of your Wicked Local website.

chocolate drizzled glass — the perfect after dinner cocktail! The specialty martini list also includes other flavorful favorites and our wine list is sure to pair perfectly with our dishes.

What's on tap here?

We do not serve beers on tap, but some of the bottled beers that we offer include Peroni, Stella Artois, Budweiser, Bud light, Coors light, Michelob Ultra and seasonal Sam Adams. We also have Bucklers as a non-alcoholic option. Every beer is serviced ice cold with a frosted glass.

What's new on the menu?

The foundation of our menu does not change frequently because we serve the most traditional Italian staples



Vincent Agostino, his wife Annette, and children Paige Woodworth, and Matt Woodworth are the friendly faces that help make AVA Cucina in Cohasset home. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS / ROBIN CHAN

and very unique family recipes made with the freshest ingredients. In addition to our menu we offer daily appetizer and entrée specials and a homemade soup of the day. We are excited to be working on our new catering menu coming soon!

What vegan, vegetarian or gluten free options are offered?

Every menu item is cooked to order so that we can accommodate dietary restrictions. We offer grilled fresh vegetables as a substitute for pasta on most of our

entrees. Special requests are always welcome and we will do our best to meet our customer's needs.

What's the average wait time for a table for dinner?

Reservations are highly recommended and allow us to plan so that there is rarely a wait to be seated. We work very hard to meet guest's service expectations given the limited number of seats and attention to detail that goes into every dish. Our goal is for every table to have enough time to enjoy their dining experience

without feeling rushed. Guests are welcome to join us for dinner at the bar or our high top tables when seating in the dining room is not available.

The best thing about AVA Cucina:

FAMILY! The food is not only comfort food, but you can feel that the entire place is made up of family. We want everyone to feel at home.

About AVA Cucina:
Located at 107 Ripley Road, AVA Cucina is open for dinner Tuesday-Thursday from 4-9 p.m., Friday

and Saturday from 4-10 p.m. and Sunday from 4-9 p.m. Entrees range in price from \$14.95- \$20.95 and feature Italian favorites including Veal Parmigiana, Chicken Cacciatore, Shrimp Scampi and a variety of pizzas and homemade desserts. Catering and takeout is available. Reservations are recommended; call (781) 383-8300. For menus, directions and more information visit www.avacucina.com.

—Compiled by Mary Ford.



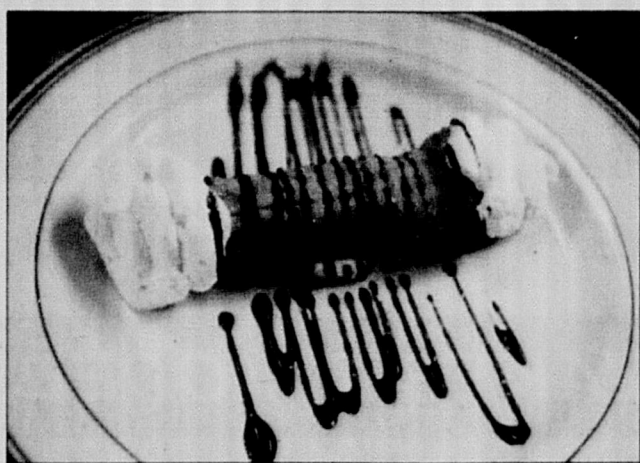
Annette Agostino makes an espresso martini at the bar of AVA Cucina. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS / ROBIN CHAN



Matt Woodworth rolls out the dough to make a pizza while working at AVA Cucina. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS / ROBIN CHAN



AVA Cucina is the perfect place to find authentic Italian cuisine like this cheese lasagna with meatballs.



The cannolis are beautiful to look at and delicious too.



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Owner and chef Vincent Agostino stirs marinara sauce that he made using his family recipe while getting ready for the evening.

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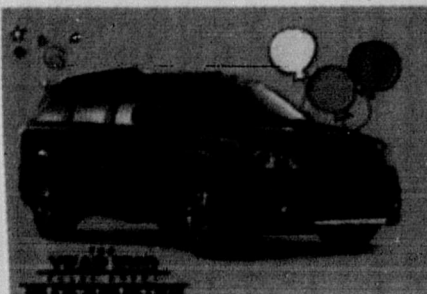
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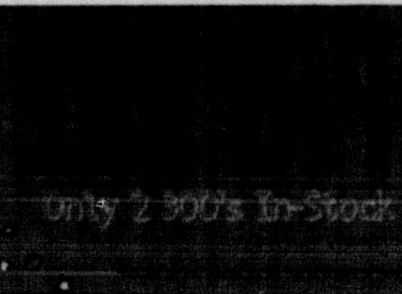
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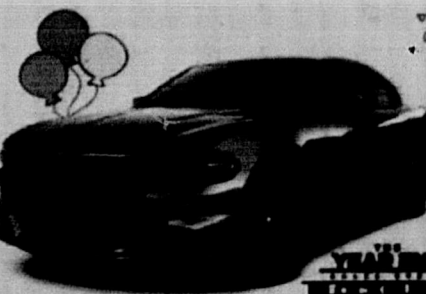
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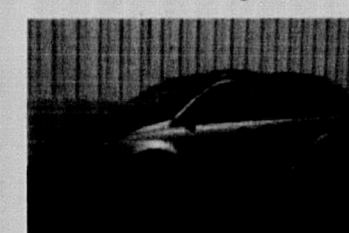
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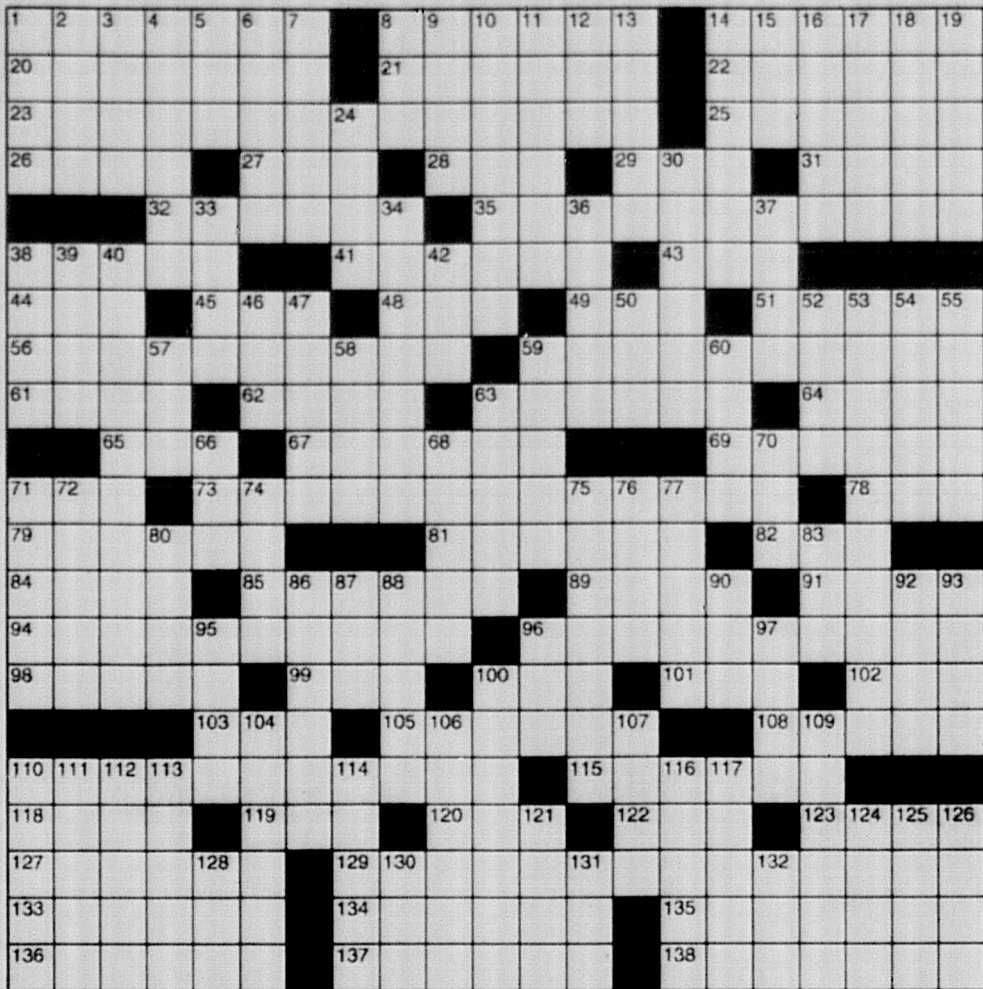
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PUZZLES

Crossword • FROM END TO BEGINNING



ACROSS

1 With a leg on either side of
8 "What — thou?"
14 Curt
20 Be afraid to
21 Stock market worker
22 Pasta piece
23 Province capital on the Yellow River
25 Over there
26 Old-time actress
27 Countless years
28 Aves, and blvds.
29 — Jima
31 See 50-Down
32 Tasty tidbit
35 Director of the Humphrey Bogart film "Sahara"
38 Reduces to bits, as a potato
41 Chief ore of lead
43 Luau
44 Foolfaw
45 Chair part
48 Winner's sign
49 "So long!"

51 The Beatles "— Be"
56 Greek philosopher known for paradoxes
59 "Avatar" actress
61 Ribald
62 Word after church or film
63 Of the back
64 Cotton machines
65 Yale alum
67 "La Loge" painter
69 Penguin of Antarctica
71 Me, to Mimi
73 European country
78 Piloted
79 Not hidden
81 Without delay
82 — Lanka
84 Stadium row
85 Kia sedan
89 Stare open-mouthed
91 Eagerly excited
94 Animal-filled attraction in Georgia
96 Israel
98 Extrapolate

99 Euro divs.
100 Deep blue
101 Subpar mark
102 Griddle
103 Put a question to
105 Alma — (home schools)
108 Spacek of the screen
110 Sorority founded at Howard University in 1920
115 Rigid beliefs
118 Flubs up
119 Party game
120 Managed care gp.
122 Luc's "yes"
123 Word-of-mouth
127 London native, e.g.
129 Shooter allowing for an adjustable focal length
133 Altman of film
134 Taking Rx drugs
135 Natural abilities
136 Warnings
137 Hi-fi setup
138 Big hawks

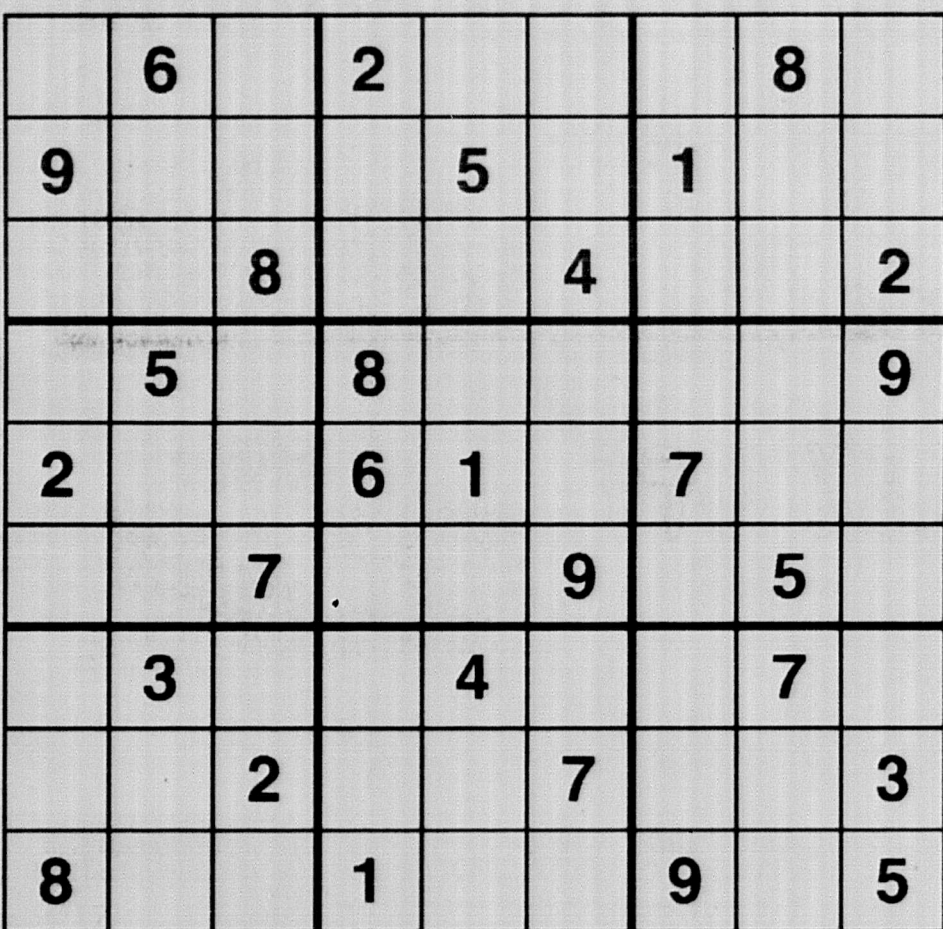
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1 Carving tool
2 Funny Mort
3 Very, in Paris
4 Label again
5 Gerund suffix
6 One napping
7 Communal character
8 Erwin of film
9 Parabolas' paths
10 Game with five dice
11 Thomas who founded GE
12 VIP in D.C.
13 Attribute
14 "— home?"
15 Jeering shout
16 Sonata movement
17 Cow dangler
18 Appeal earnestly
19 On — firma
24 Blood type, informally
30 Polish labor leader Lech
33 Major city of Norway
34 Shirley's sitcom friend
36 Toil away
37 "To — a Mockingbird"
38 Motorola cellphone
39 Inking
40 Imagine

42 Meadowland
46 String after D
47 Maestro Solti
50 With 31-Across, hubby's assent
52 Verge
53 Red braking signals
54 Many a navel
55 Stunned with a gun
57 Olive loved by Popeye
58 Lustful look
59 Stoned masked swordsman
60 Jai —
63 Formal flats
66 Suffix with final or moral
68 Romney's 2012 rival
70 "— Kapital"
71 Actress
72 Kitchen bulb
74 Mil. truant
75 Vigilant
76 Hail — (cry "Taxi!")
77 Slightly warm
80 "Dies —" (hymn)
83 "Norma —"
86 Wolf down
87 Grenade filler

88 "Open up!" follower
90 Propylender
92 Redding of song
93 Like slightly spoiled meat
95 Ensnare
96 Closing letter
97 Little plateau
100 Talk like Porky Pig
104 Railroad switches
106 In the house
107 Before long
109 Related compound
110 Bicolor beast
111 Flynn of film
112 Family group
113 Daisy cousin
114 Clowns
116 Enthusiasm
117 Minerals in thin layers
121 Aged, once
124 Descartes of philosophy
125 Culturally pretentious
126 Maiden
128 Meal scrap
130 Ottawa loc.
131 That, to Juan
132 High, snow-capped peak

Sudoku



Level: HOO BOY!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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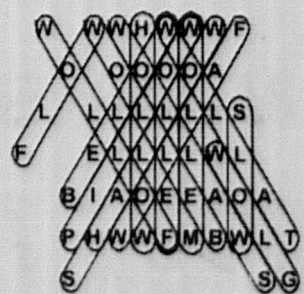
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Despite those glittering holiday dis-

tractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries

to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.
BORN THIS WEEK: Your personal warmth helps you make friendships, and your sense of fair play helps you keep them.

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Legal Notices

IFB LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF COHASSET INVITATION FOR BIDS TRAFFIC CONTROL CABINET REPLACEMENT; SOHIER and RIPLEY ROADS, COHASSET MA

The Town of Cohasset Massachusetts is seeking sealed bids for the replacement and installation of the Traffic Control Cabinet located at the intersection of Sohier and Ripley Roads, Cohasset MA.

Invitation for Bid Documents containing scope of services and bid requirements shall be available on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 4:00pm at the:

Office of the Town
Manager
Town of Cohasset
41 Highland Ave
Cohasset, MA 02025

Sealed bids must be received at the Town Manager's Office on or before 2:00pm, Monday, January 11, 2016, whereas all bids shall be opened publicly.

All Bidders are required to submit a bid bon in the amount of 5% of the total bid price.

There shall be an optional pre bid meeting held on Monday, December 21, 2015 at the intersection of Sohier and Ripley Roads, Cohasset MA, at 9:00 am for all interested bidders.

The Town of Cohasset reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and and/or all bids, and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified Minority/Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE's) and Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses (SDVOB) firms to respond.

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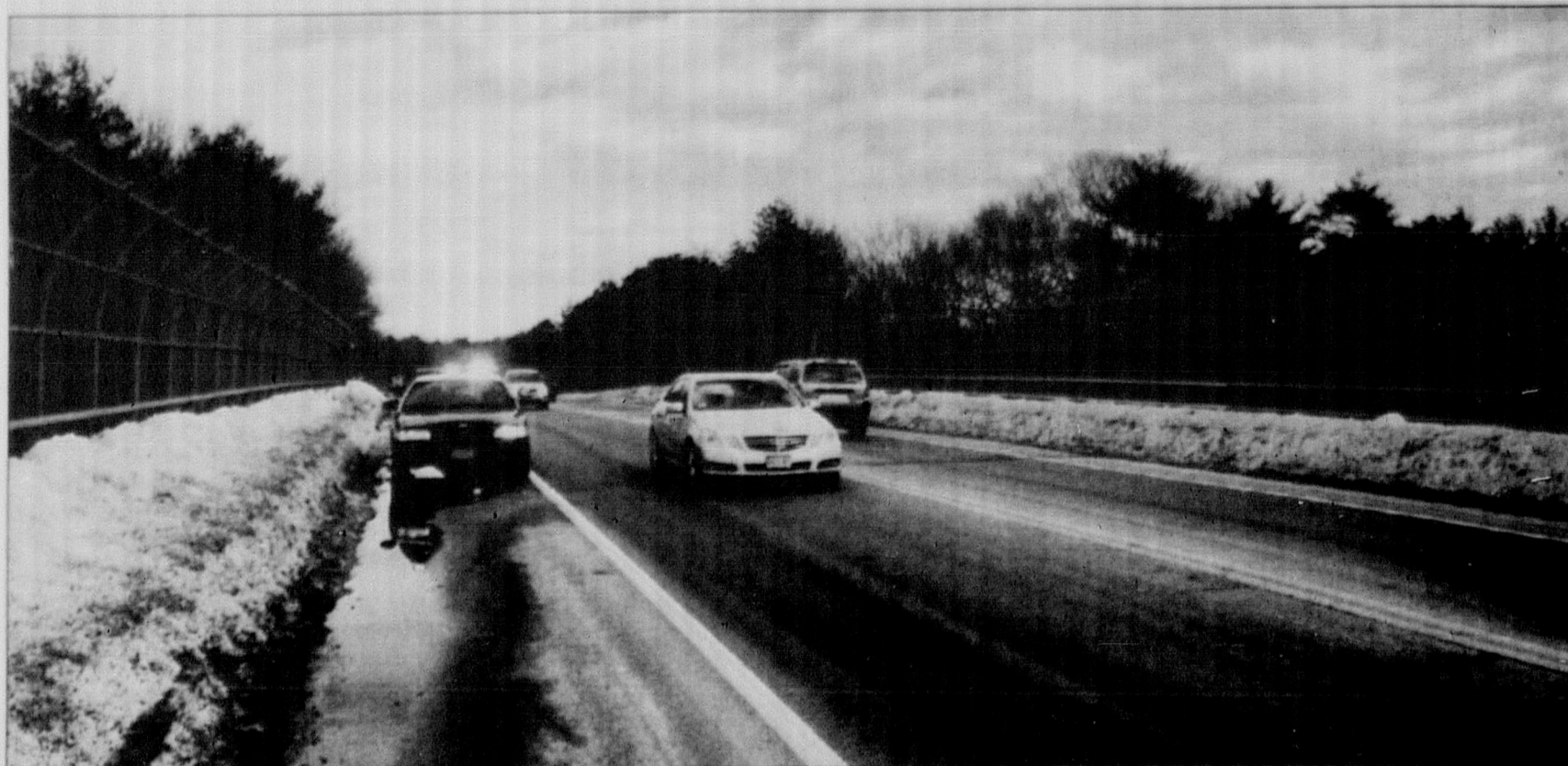
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TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK: Road surfaces on bridges may freeze before other roads. When driving over a bridge and your car feels like it's floating, you should gradually slow down to maintain control of the vehicle. Never slam on your brakes. Locally, use caution on the Border St. bridge, Cunningham Bridge, 3A bridge at North River in Scituate/Marshfield, Derby St. overpass, Back River Bridge (Route 3A), the Commuter Rail overpass on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), and on George Washington Blvd. going into Hull. THIS PHOTO IS DERBY ST. COURTESY PHOTO

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset police log for. The log is public record and available for review.

Monday, Dec. 7

1:03 a.m.: Caller reports there is a boy on a bike that looks to be around 12 years old riding on the south-bound side of **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and is concerned for his safety. An officer located the bicyclist who is 30 years old and was sent on his way.

6:08 a.m.: Members of the building department on scene at the **middle-high school** found an open door by the kitchen side. Officer reports doing a sweep of the building and all appears in order.

10:27 a.m.: A residential alarm triggered on **Linden Drive**. Police checked and secured the property.

12:37 p.m.: A disabled motor vehicle was reported on **Beechwood Street** at Chief Justice Cushing

Highway. The vehicle was affecting traffic. The vehicle was removed.

1:29 p.m.: A caller reported a vehicle backed into his vehicle at the Post Office on **Ripley Road** and left. A witness has the information on the vehicle that left.

5:16 p.m.: A motor vehicle crash with unknown injury was reported on **King Street by Dunkin Donuts**. Express towing en route. Two vehicles involved.

6:25 p.m.: A walk-in reported a family dispute on **Elm Street**. The desk officer filed the report.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

9:55 a.m.: A commercial alarm triggered on **James Lane**. Police checked the building, and all appeared to be in order.

2:34 p.m.: A caller reported a cat was stuck under a fence on **Brewster Road**. Animal control was notified.

3:55 p.m.: A motor vehicle crash involving a truck pulling a trailer and a school bus was reported

on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Express has all vehicles were taken to a Weymouth lot.

6:32 p.m.: A caller reported a lost golden retriever on **Border Street**. The dog has tags and a collar.

8:10 p.m.: A caller from **Hammond Avenue** reported suspicious activity in a construction behind her house. Police investigated. Workers were installing fireplaces.

9:10 p.m.: A caller reported a dog was stuck under the neighbor's deck on **Parker Avenue**. The neighbor was not at home.

9:44 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** near Frank Williams Landscaping. The party checked OK.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

9:53 a.m.: Outside odor of gas reported at **Atlantic Avenue and Hammond Avenue**. Engine 2 reports strong odor and requests National Grid be notified.

5:01 p.m.: A caller reported a customer left a wallet on **South Main Street**. Police were able to contact the property's owner.

7:51 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Police could not locate the vehicle.

Thursday, Dec. 10

11:13 a.m.: Officer on traffic

enforcement near 426 **King St.**

11:53 a.m.: A neighbor dispute was reported on **Doane Street**.

2:04 p.m.: A caller reported a traffic hazard on **Summer Street**. A semi-truck was taking up a lane.

2:44 p.m.: Fraud was reported at CVS on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. A subject was using another person's identity to obtain medications.

9:37 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **Lighthouse Lane**. The vehicle checked OK.

10:09 p.m.: A caller reported a car horn sounding on **Schofield Road**. The horn was sounding for about a hour. Police reported the horn was stopped.

Friday, Dec. 11

12:55 a.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on **Lamberts Lane**. The caller requested an officer to check her home. The home appeared secure.

8:05 a.m.: A caller reported a coyote was hit by a vehicle on **Beechwood Street**. The vehicle did not stop, and the coyote crawled into the woods.

8:27 a.m.: Vandalism was reported on **Beechwood Street** and reported to Sgt. Lopes at the middle-high school.

9:02 a.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. The vehicle's door was open with nobody around. Police secured

the vehicle with no sign of forced entry.

3:56 p.m.: Vandalism to a mailbox was reported on **Joy Place**. Services were rendered.

Saturday, Dec. 12

2:59 a.m.: A commercial alarm triggered on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Police secured the building.

11:39 a.m.: An attempted break-in was reported on **Cushing Road**. The caller found a broken cellar window and a broken screen on the back deck. Police investigated.

10:33 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **Beechwood Street**. Parties checked OK.

Sunday, Dec. 13

1:03 a.m.: A motor vehicle crash with unknown injury was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. Residents heard the crash. The vehicle drove away toward Hingham. Police reported multiple impact points. National Grid reported that the wire on pole 134 was struck. Hingham police located and stopped the vehicle.

10:30 p.m.: A commercial alarm triggered on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Police secured the building.

10:33 p.m.: A caller from **Border Street** reported his dog escaped from the home. The dog is a blondish-brown York and Maltese mix. The caller reported the dog returned home.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Patricia L. Barnes

COHASSET - Patricia L. (Cohn) Barnes, age 59, of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Cohasset, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday morning, December 12, 2015.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Chip; children, Megan, Ashley, Crandon, Michael, Tessa, Maura, Madeline, Samuel and Daniel. She also was the ever-loving grandmother, her heart and soul, Milo Leahy. Tricia was the daughter of Elsa and the late John Cohn of Salem; sister of Robert, Debra, Alan and Nancy Cohn.

Patricia grew up in Salem, and attended Briarcliffe College in New York.

An avid runner and fitness enthusiast Tricia was also talented seamstress and lover of home decor and crafting. She was a member of the Palmira Golf Club in Bonita Springs, Fla.

Aside from her love of the ocean and beach, sea glass was one of her signature collector's items alongside her shells.

An extensively giving and generous individual she made it hard to leave without always having something new in your possession.

The boundless ways her heart touched all of her family's lives will forever live on in streams



Patricia L. Barnes

of colors, moments and scenarios she created around all of them. No words will surmise how much her absence will resonate with the numbers around her.

May Tricia rest peacefully, with all the love and support she always poured out for those around her.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, Dec. 18, 2015, at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Visiting hours Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, from 4-8 p.m. in McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 160 So. Main St. (across from St. Anthony Church), Cohasset. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

For an online guest book, please visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

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CONSERVATORY NOTES

What to get the person who has everything

By Su D'Ambrosio

Happy Holidays! 'Tis the season of gift giving and resolving to improve our lives in the coming year. Stores are crowded in December, while gyms are packed in January. By February most of the material things are forgotten, and the unrealistic promises we made to ourselves have been broken. So, how can break the cycle? Skip the holidays altogether?

No, the people in our lives deserve a token of our love during the holiday season. Most of us are blessed with all we truly need, and more "things" than we know what to do with, so figuring out what to get for these loved ones can be tricky. As we think about the New Year and what might help us to grow and enrich our lives, there is a solution that comes to mind. The gift of the arts!

There are many ways to share the arts with others and enrich our own lives through the arts. Now that my girls are older, their Christmas lists have evolved, and they are asking for things such as theater tickets and classes. These types of gifts give them something they can keep forever: memories of time spent together and new skills they can use to be creative throughout their lives.

My mom, who is 82, enjoys line dancing and jazz, so a dance class or evening out at a concert will mean a lot more to her than another sweater or knick-knack. As for me, I am far more likely to stick with piano lessons or a drama improvisation class than a gym. Engaging my brain in ways that are interesting and exciting not only keeps my brain active and alert, but motivates me to exercise and take care of my whole self.

One resolution I am making this year is to develop compelling adult programs at South Shore Conservatory. This will ensure that we continue providing access to exceptional arts experiences that foster creativity, artistic growth, and well-being for individuals of all ages and abilities.

In addition to our ongoing private music lessons, we offer chamber music, rock and jazz ensembles, group programs for adult beginners on violin, piano and guitar, Woman Song, Community Voices, Golden Voices and Teen/Adult Beginner Ballet class.

We are also launching some exciting new adult programs in 2016. Tuesday Night Records, for example, starts on Tuesday, January 12. This is a casual gathering for adults interested in the stories behind the jazz. Refreshments are provided!

Bluegrass musicians are invited to join instructor Steven Latanision on Tuesday nights, starting Feb. 2, for Bluegrass Jam, a fun weekly adult jam session. Adults looking to explore drama improvisation will find a home with Kristina Smarz in Improv 101, an introduction to improvisational techniques and skills starting Feb. 6.

South Shore Conservatory gift certificates provide a convenient way to give these classes to someone you love. Certificates, available in any amount you choose, may be used to pay for all SSC programs, events and performances. For more information, please visit sscmusic.org or call

781.749.7565, ext. 10. You can also find us on Facebook.

—Su D'Ambrosio is Director of Programs and Curriculum for South Shore Conservatory. She

lives in Plymouth with her daughters Maria and Rosa, and her dog Bernie who, at age five, the prime of his doggie life, is asking for some intermediate obedience classes and a large bone for Christmas.

Intro to Piano, Intro to Violin, and Intro to Guitar for Adults provide fun, social opportunities to learn how to play an instrument in a group setting.

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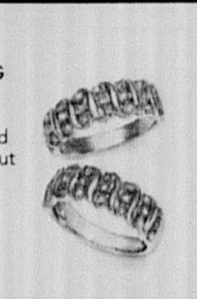
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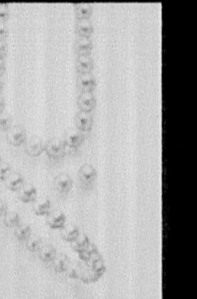
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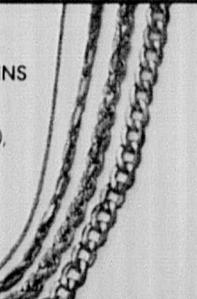
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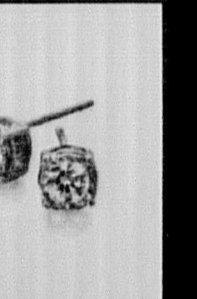
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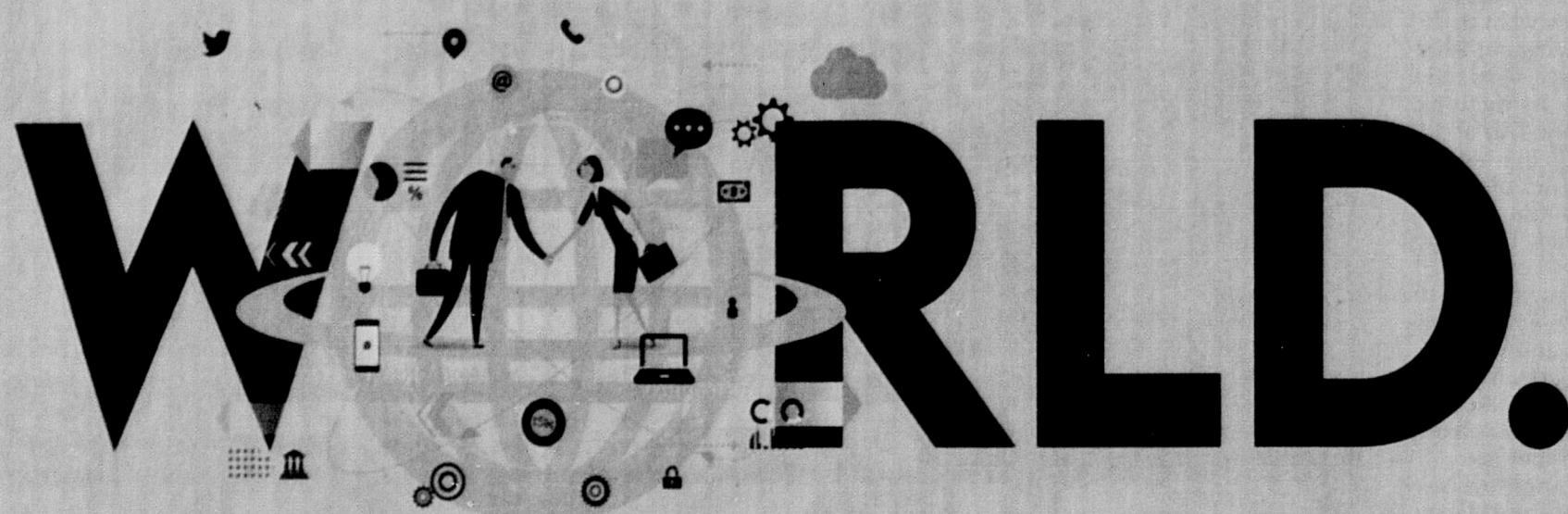
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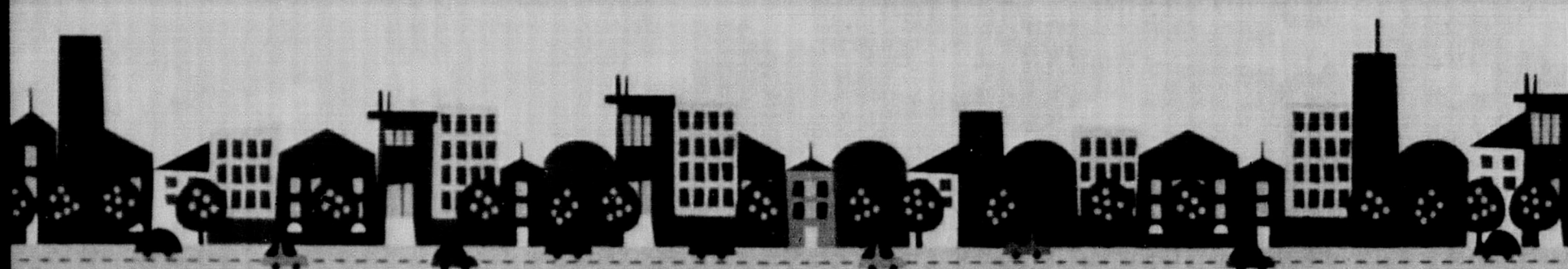
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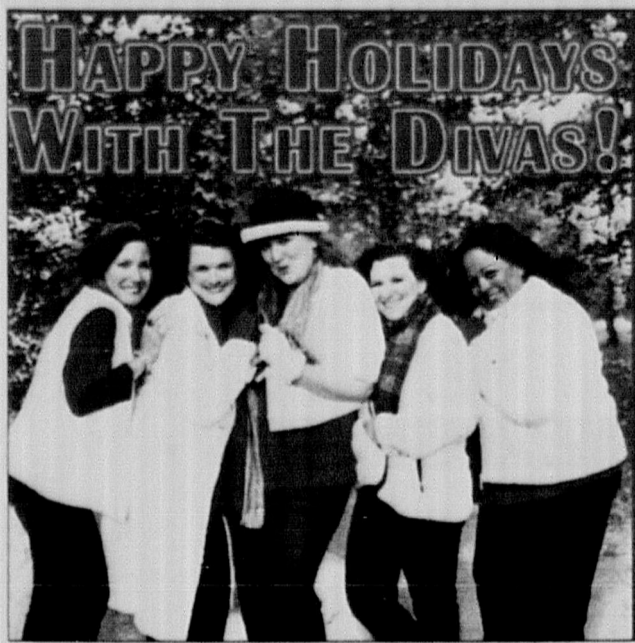
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WHERE: Sunday, Dec. 20, at The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth, Tuesday, Dec. 22 at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell.

INFO: The all-female band presents Happy Holidays with the Divas. Plymouth show: Tickets are \$15. Visit www.spirecenter.org for details. Norwell show: Tickets are \$20. To order tickets, or for more information, visit www.companytheatre.com or call 781-871-2787.

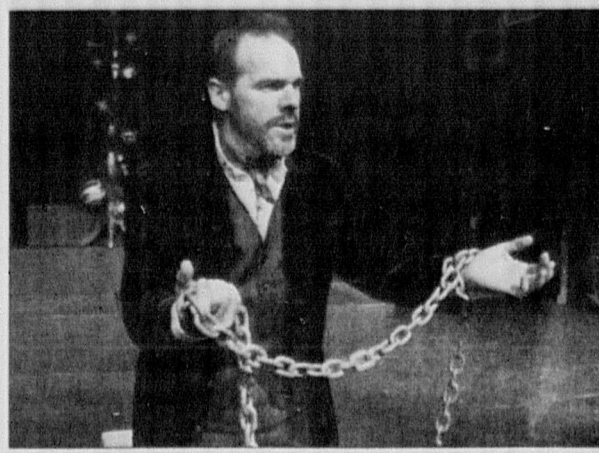


Southern Rail offers Christmas Southern Gospel at the Coffeehouse Off The Square

WHEN: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20.

WHERE: Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham.

INFO: Southern Rail is a vibrant, engaging, Boston-based, Appalachian-rooted Bluegrass and Gospel group that returns for another concert of Glorious Christmas Gospel. Handicap accessible. Admission is \$15 at the door (sorry no reservations) and desserts and beverages are \$1. No open mike at the Christmas show. Volunteers (free admission) are always welcome. For information call 781-749-1767 or visit www.oldshipchurch.org/coffeehouse-off-the-square.html



The Bay Colony Shakespeare Company presents Neil McGarry's one-man performance of 'A Christmas Carol'

WHEN: Dec. 17-20 (Thursday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 5 p.m.) Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Dec. 17-20 at Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth, Wednesday, Dec. 23 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Canal St., Marshfield.

INFO: Tickets: \$20 adults/\$15 students; appropriate for ages 5+ can be purchased at the door, at baycolonyshakespeare.org, or by calling 866-811-4111. Discounts for groups of 10+ as well as for veterans, serving members of the armed forces/emergency services and those working in education by calling 917-670-1184. www.baycolonyshakespeare.org.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

Marshfield Indoor Farmers' Market & Holiday Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. held under the grandstand at the Marshfield Fairgrounds, 140 Main St., Route 3A, 36 vendors of 100 percent local farm products, food and select artisans with handmade personal and home goods/gifts. Live music by Lost & Lonely, hot/cold prepared foods and plenty of fresh produce, baked goods, meats, dairy and preserves. Free kids' activity. Free parking/admission. Wheelchair/Stroller friendly grounds. MarshfieldFair.org/fm.htm or 781-635-0889.

Holiday Open House at Scituate Animal Shelter, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 780 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate. All animal lovers of all ages are welcome to a holiday open house party. There is no charge. There will be holiday crafts for the kids, gifts and treats for sale, plus an opportunity to meet and greet the shelter's friendly furry residents. 781-544-4533.

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A Christmas Carol, the Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth will present the Charles Dickens classic Christmas tale for the whole family, at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church in Town Square, Plymouth. Shows will be at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19 and at 4 p.m. Dec. 20. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$18 per senior or child. For reservations, call 508-747-6856 or 774-454-3575 or email hattrick98@aol.com.

Chris Smither will perform at 8 p.m. at The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.spirecenter.org for details.

Family Holiday Pops at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St. in New Bedford. Featuring New Bedford Symphony Youth Orchestra side-by-side with NBSO professional, plus Showstoppers performing arts troupe. For more concert information, visit www.nbsymphony.org or call the NBSO at 508-999-6276. Concert tickets are \$15-\$38 (student tickets are always \$10 but must be purchased by phone or at the box office). Concert tickets are purchased through the Zeiterion Box Office: online at www.zeiterion.org, by phone at 508-994-2900, or in person at the Box Office, Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 to 3 p.m.

Mercy at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

The Cornerstone at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 8 p.m. 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Mutha Funk at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, 781-681-9999, southshoresportsbar.com

The Dons at Hajjar's, 969 Washington St., Weymouth, 781-340-1870. hajjars.net

The Fools with opening act Sound Streets at C-Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, 781-925-4300, cnotehull.com.

Matt Koelsch visiting from California at The Snug, 116 North St., Hingham, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-9774, thesnugpub.com

Splash at The Great Chow, 497 Bedford St.,

Route 18, Abington, 781-871-8832, greatchow.com.

Irish Seisiun at Lucioso's Pub at 6 Spring Lane in Plymouth, 5:30 p.m. Songs from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes with craic and sing-along. Free.

Jeff Hilliard, live acoustic from 2 to 6 p.m. at Main Street Sports Bar & Grill, 39 Main St., Plymouth, 774-283-4129, www.mainstreetsportsbarandgrill.com.

Gunpowder and Lead at New World Tavern, 56 Main St., Plymouth, 9 p.m. 508-927-4250.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

Craft and vendor fair, Sleigh Bells are Ringing, a holiday shopping, craft and vendor fair, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Middleborough Knights of Columbus Hall at 262 West Grove St., Route 28, Middleborough. There will be handcrafted gifts, American Girl doll clothes, hair bows, home decor, wreaths, etc., and direct sales companies with sterling silver, candles, etc. Admission is free and there will be door prizes.

Traditional Irish Session with Skip Toomey every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Sons of Serendip concert, the Arc of Greater Plymouth will present the Sons of Serendip performing songs from the newly released CD, "Christmas Beyond the Lights," at 3 p.m. at Plymouth North High School, 41 Obery St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sons-of-serendip-christmas-concert-tickets-18346744607. For more information, contact Susan O'Neal at susano@thearcofgp.org or 508-732-9292, ext. 108.

Musical Holiday Jubilation with Randolph's own Tony DeBlois, pianist and vocalist from 2 to 4 p.m. at the historic Jonathan Belcher House, 360 North Main St., Randolph. DeBlois, an international musician extraordinaire who has been performing professionally since the age of 9. Tony is a Berklee College of Music graduate, and has been delighting audiences in Singapore, Taiwan, Ireland, Canada, Nigeria and China and throughout the United States. He has inspired two songs, seven poems, a book, and was the subject of a CBS made-for-television Movie of the Week, "Journey of the Heart." There is a \$10 suggested donation. RSVP as seating is limited: 781-608-6084. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Jonathan Belcher House.

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door, at baycolonyshakespeare.org, or by calling 917-670-1184.

Open mike with Bill Downes at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 4 to 8 p.m. 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Splash of Blues Blues Jam from 4 to 8 p.m. at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, 781-681-9999, southshoresportsbar.com

Divas with a Twist holiday show presented by Project Arts, 7:30 p.m., at The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.spirecenter.org for details.

MONDAY, DEC. 21

Annual Winter Solstice Celebration at 7 p.m. at the Old Ship Meetinghouse, 90 Main St., Hingham. Bring a favorite winter poem to share if you like, or simply come and listen. The Crossroads Singers, a local group, will perform poems set to music. For more information, call Elizabeth Torrey at 781-749-0543. All are welcome.

Blue Christmas Service at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, 24 Athens St., N. Weymouth. This Blue Christmas service will offer special recognition of the struggles that many people face during this holiday season. The comforting spirit of the service will testify to the darkness in the Christmas story and acknowledge the sorrow that we all face, while providing a safe place of rest, comfort, and healing. Come, pause, and feel all that is real during this Advent season. www.pilgrimchurchweymouth.org.

New Beginnings Singles Support Group, Inc. for newly widowed, separated or divorced adults, meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at a new location in the Abington Senior Center at 441 Summer St., Abington. NB is a singles support organization dedicated to healing, growing and learning; not a dating service. Information: visit <http://nbnnorwell.org/>, email at info@nbnnorwell.org or call 781-499-2659.

Texas Hold'em at Black Raspberry, free Texas Hold'em with the Northern Poker League at 7 and 10 p.m. at Black Raspberry Pub, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, 508-830-0022.

Open mike night, 8:30 p.m. Mondays at Main Street Sports Bar & Grill, 39 Main St., Plymouth, 774-283-4129, www.mainstreetsportsbarandgrill.com.

TUESDAY, DEC. 22

Divas with a Twist concert, the Company Theatre Center for the Arts 2015 Special Events series presents all-female band Divas with a Twist in a seasonal concert, "Happy Holidays with the Divas," at 7:30 p.m. at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Tickets are \$20. To order tickets or for more information, visit www.companytheatre.com or call the box office at 781-871-2787 or email boxoffice@companytheatre.com.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at The Viking Club, 410 Quincy Avenue, Route 53, Braintree. Live bands every week. Singles and couples welcomed. Admission is \$10. Information: 781-784-2678 or 781-335-3171.

South Shore Men of Harmony rehearse every Tuesday at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. 781-337-SING (7464).

Open mike with Jackson Wetherbee every Tuesday at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 781-561-7361, 9 p.m. thetinkerson.com.

Jazz at Martini's, Tuesdays from 7 to 10

p.m. at Martini's, 50 Court St., Plymouth, featuring the Kenny Wenzel jazz group. 774-773-9782 or visit www.martinisplymouth.com.

Wicked Trivia 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at British Beer Company, 2294 State Road, Plymouth (Cedarville), 508-888-9756, www.british-beer.com.

Live music at the British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, 508-747-1776, www.britishbeer.com.

Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, 781-829-6999.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

The Bay Colony Shakespeare Company presents Neil McGarry's one-man performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 40 Canal St., Marshfield, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$15 students; appropriate for ages 5+ can be purchased at the door, at baycolonyshakespeare.org, or by calling 866-811-4111. Discounts for groups of 10+ patrons are available as well as for veterans, serving members of the armed forces/emergency services and those working in education by calling 917-670-1184. For more information, visit www.baycolonyshakespeare.org.

Musical Meditations for Advent, first four Wednesdays in December at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Karen Harvey, Minister of Music, piano and organ musicians will provide 30 minutes of music to refresh the spirit and revive the soul. Everyone is welcome to this free program, uccnorwellmusic@gmail.com or 781-659-2887 x16.

Aldus Collins Band at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 9 p.m. 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Team Trivia at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at New World Tavern, 56 Main St., Plymouth, 508-927-4250.

Karaoke at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Shanty Rose Pub, 16 Town Wharf, Plymouth, 508-746-7673.

Karaoke night at the Black Raspberry Pub, 9 p.m., 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth.

Live bands at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve

The Session at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 8 p.m. 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Mark T. Small performs at 7 p.m. every Thursday at New World Tavern, 56 Main St., Plymouth, 508-927-4250.

Than Smith & Friends, original blues jam, 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at Shanty Rose Pub, 16 Town Wharf, Plymouth.

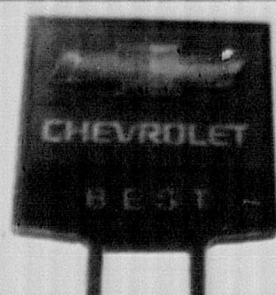
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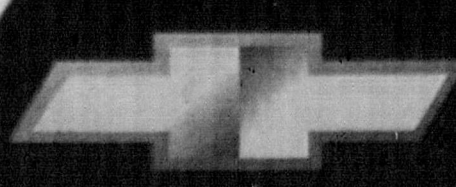
Live bands at East Bay Grille, 175 Water St., Plymouth, 508-746-9751, www.eastbay-grille.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25

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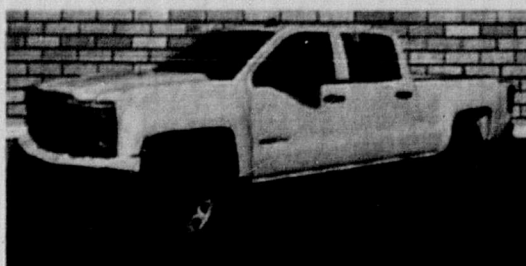
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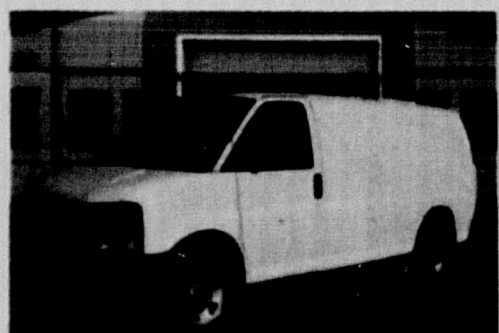
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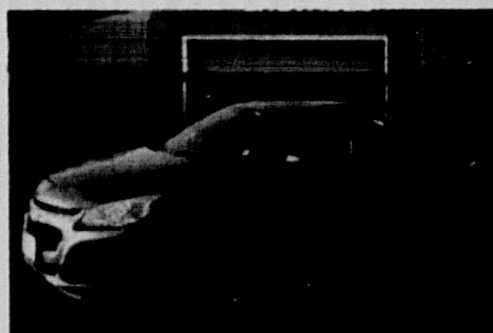
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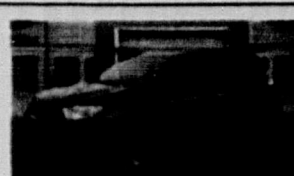
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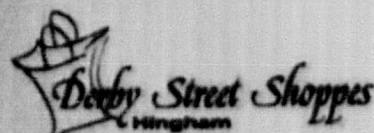
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